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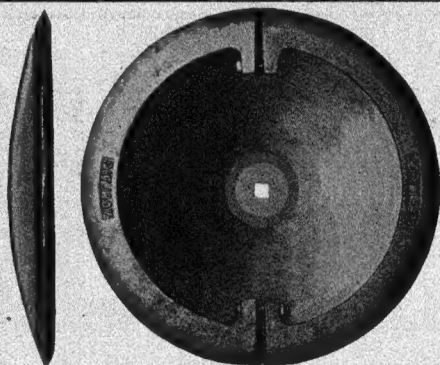
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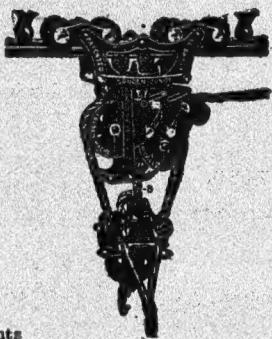
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ATTITUDE TO THE GUIDE

Three members of the House of Commons, Messrs. Glen Campbell, W. H. Sharpe and Arthur Meighen spent the last week among their constituents in Manitoba. They were supposed to be discussing the reciprocity agreement and explaining to the farmers why they were opposed to it. All of them, however, paid a great deal of attention to The Grain Growers' Guide and declared that it was misrepresenting affairs at Ottawa and was in fact an organ of the Liberal party. Mr. Campbell was particularly vindictive and utterly regardless of the truth. The Guide had no representatives at the meetings where these gentlemen were, but the reports of the meetings in the Winnipeg Telegram was favorable to the speakers. These gentlemen, particularly Mr. Campbell, endeavored to give the impression that The Guide has not published the attitude of the Conservative party on the various questions affecting the farmers at Ottawa. On the contrary The Guide has given a fair and unbiased report of every question that has come up. Mr. Meighen's railway bill was explained in The Guide of December 7, page 63 and December 14, page 39. Mr. Meighen's tariff resolution was published in The Guide of November 30, page 39; also on November 23, page 39, while on January 25 on page 39 his speech was reported. The chilled meat resolution debate was reported fully in The Guide of January 25, page 14, and it was shown that the Conservative party was entirely in favor of the resolution and the Liberal party opposed. Dr. Schaffner's resolution favoring government owned elevators and the speeches made upon it were published in The Guide of February 22, page 40, and was supported editorially by The Guide on February 15, and on March 1 the names of the western members were published showing how they voted. Everyone of these facts have been stated clearly and impartially and it is hard to understand why Mr. Campbell should make such untruthful statements as he did at his meetings. Mr. Meighen and Mr. Sharpe according to reports were much more mild in their criticisms of The Guide. If any unfair or untruthful statements regarding procedure at Ottawa have been published then The Guide stands ready to correct them. If any of these gentlemen will point out any misrepresentation in The Guide it will be set right at once.

SETTLERS FROM STATES

Chicago, Ill., April 16.—According to close observers here of the Canadian immigration movement, 200,000 American farmers will cross the boundary into Canada this year. Trainloads of colonists, who bought land last fall, are now moving north to plant their crops as early as possible. One block of 10,800 free homesteads has been opened up beyond Edmonton and is attracting settlers to the Peace River valley in great numbers. Reports from Edmonton are to the effect that for the last two months a steady stream of homeseekers' wagons has been passing through that city, and that the hitherto unsettled prairie west of there will be sowed to wheat this spring. About 4,000,000 acres of free homestead land is now available along the branch lines of the Canadian Northern, and it is expected that much of it will be taken up within the next two months. According to Hon. Frank Oliver, minister of the interior, 97,702 American farmers migrated to Canada between April 1, 1910, and January 1, 1911. The immigration record for the fiscal year ending March 31 last shows a total of 110,000. During the period from 1900 to 1911, 43 per cent. of the arrivals in Canada from the United States made homestead entry in the Western Provinces. They brought with them during the fiscal year 1910-1911 nearly \$100,000,000 in cash and settlers' effects.

ANGLO-SAXON ALLIANCE

New York, April 16.—"The relations between Great Britain and the United States constitute the real key to the situation in preserving the peace of the world," said Sir Joseph Ward, premier of New Zealand, who is making a brief stay in New York on the way to London to attend the imperial conference and the coronation. "In the British overseas dominions adjacent to the Pacific it is recognized that one of the most important questions we have to keep before us is that of preserving our territory for the British race and doing everything in our power to prevent Asiatic immigration

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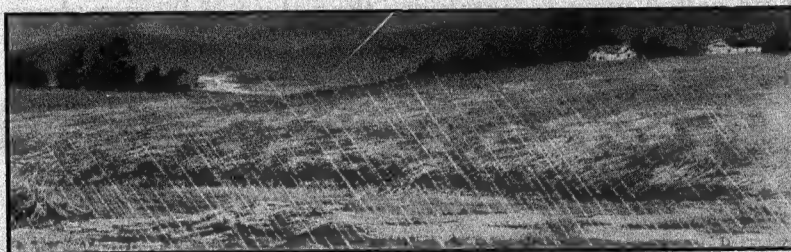
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to any great extent," said Sir Joseph. "This problem is one which also closely concerns the United States of America, and in my judgment, some well thought out plan of Anglo-Saxon co-operation is necessary to preserve all the countries I have alluded to from an invasion of Asiatics."

A TARIFF REVOLT

The annual report of the Free Trade Union for 1910 shows that over 16,000 meetings were held, nearly 18 million leaflets distributed, and 168 constituencies canvassed.

There are many new features of the union's work. Among the most interesting was an expansion of the union's relations with the growing free trade movement in foreign countries.

A systematic exchange of news between the union and the free traders of Canada and the States was arranged. One result of this interchange was that a large number of prominent British manufacturers wrote for publication in a leading Canadian journal letters showing how necessary free trade is to commerce and industry. These "stirred up quite a lot of consideration here" (wrote the editor of the "Grain Growers' Guide"), and even the Canadian Manufacturers' Association is beginning to get busy and to explain that they do not apply in Canada. Several of the daily newspapers in Canada and in the United States and Australia have reprinted articles from the "Free Trader." The union claims that the dissemination of free trade principles is now wider than ever before, especially in our colonies. All this has had a powerful influence on the preference proposals of the British protectionists.

The other direction in which the union has been able to assist the worldwide agitation for free trade is on the continent of Europe. The "Free Trader" emphasized the strength of the great revolt against tariffs in Germany, Austria, Italy, France and other countries; and last summer even the protectionist papers were compelled to admit the overwhelming force of the European outcry.

Another feature of the union's work was the national free trade lectures provided by the fund generously placed at the disposal of Mr. W. Churchill for this purpose.

"Their success has been beyond question, and it has been possible by this means to promote work for free trade in places where, had no such project been launched, free trade must have suffered. It is an extraordinary statement to make, but the fact remains that, if a tariff reform statement or campaign is allowed to go unanswered it is assumed by many people that there is no free trade answer, and hence free trade may go by default."—Morning Leader, London, England.



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THEY HAVE A GREAT OPPORTUNITY

In the House of Commons four Western members have not yet indicated their attitude on the reciprocity agreement, namely, Dr. Roche (Marquette), Dr. Schaffner (Souris), John Herron (MacLeod), and M. S. McCarthy (Calgary). It is to be hoped that they will support the agreement in the interests of their constituents and will then join the farmers in their demands for free implements and an increase in the British Preference to 50 per cent. at the present session. If they will follow the lead of Mr. Haultain they will be placing the welfare of the West above possible party advantage. The Western farmers are looking for men who will support them in their fight for justice. If these four men will stand by the farmers they will find the farmers will stand by them. If the West becomes divided against itself, progress will be retarded. These men stand with the farmers for government operation of the terminals and for the inauguration of a chilled meat industry. Their help will be needed to secure government operation of the Hudson's Bay Railway. Let us hope they will not weaken their power to aid the farmers by voting against reciprocity. They are undoubtedly in a hard position, but a man is always safe to place principle before party. A vote in favor of the reciprocity agreement does not approve of any other single plank in the government platform. The farmers in the constituencies represented by these gentlemen favor reciprocity, and their members can help them greatly.

FIELDING AND BORDEN

The Dominion government has refused to grant the demand of the farmers that the duty be removed from agricultural implements and that the duty on goods imported from Great Britain be reduced to 50 per cent. of the general tariff at the present session of parliament. Replying to R. L. Borden, leader of the opposition, on April 12, Hon. W. S. Fielding, Minister of Finance, said:

"It may be necessary, on the completion of the reciprocity agreement, to make some changes in order to be in harmony with the British Preference; but let me say at once that if such changes be made, they will be on small matters, they will not be important, and they will not include an increase in the British Preference to 50 per cent.

We are well aware that the farmers of the West, in their resolutions, have not only asked for a reciprocity agreement, but have also asked for other things. They have asked for free agricultural implements, but we have told them frankly that we cannot comply with their request. They have asked us to increase the British Preference to 50 per cent. We tell them that at the present we do not think that should be done. I may say frankly that we do not think that should be done. I may say frankly that we do not think the manufacturing industries of Canada could be successfully carried on if that reduction in their protection were made. We say to the people all over Canada who would like a larger measure of tariff reduction on agricultural implements and other things, that we are not able to meet that wish, that by this reciprocity agreement we are meeting to a large extent their demands, and we are going to ask that we be not pressed to grant free agricultural implements and an increase in the British Preference to 50 per cent., because to grant these would have a disturbing influence on the trade of Canada, whereas the reciprocity agreement will not create any disturbing influence, but on the contrary will have a good effect, and be accepted by the country generally as something which will work for the general advantage of Canada."

If Mr. Fielding has information to prove that "the manufacturing industries of

Canada could not be successfully carried on" if the British Preference were increased to 50 per cent. then he should give that information to the public. All the information available goes to prove that Mr. Fielding's statement is not well founded, and if he has more information it is badly needed. If it is merely a matter of "think," the farmers have a far better case than Mr. Fielding. Broad generalities are by no means satisfactory. The farmers have demanded free implements and an increase in the British Preference to 50 per cent., and they are perfectly justified in seeing that no candidates are elected who are not pledged to that platform. Mr. Fielding deserves credit for negotiating the reciprocity agreement, but his attitude on the other phases of the tariff question is entirely unsatisfactory.

On the other hand the attitude of Mr. Borden is not any better. On the same day that Mr. Fielding made the above statement Mr. Borden was asked the definite question in the House by E. W. Nesbitt, M.P., if he was in favor of increasing the British Preference, Mr. Borden replied:

"I shall tell my hon. friend this, that when we come to occupy the treasury benches we shall give a very much clearer statement on that point than we are likely to have this afternoon from his friends who are sitting there now."

This is a most peculiar attitude for Mr. Borden to take. We know that Mr. Fielding is opposed to giving the farmers their due, but Mr. Borden has apparently no policy at all on the matter. As to agricultural implements, Mr. Borden supported Mr. Meighen's resolution asking for a "substantial reduction" in the duties on agricultural implements. This may mean anything and may not mean any more than the 2½ per cent. and 5 per cent. reduction granted in the reciprocity agreement.

It is clear enough to the farmers of Canada now who dictates the tariff laws of Canada. Are the farmers of Canada willing to sit by and accept the statements of Mr. Fielding and Mr. Borden as final? If any relief is to come to the farmers it must be secured by electing men who will protect their constituents no matter what their political leaders may say. It would be interesting to have Messrs. Staples, Campbell, Sharpe and Meighen explain their tariff attitude in view of Mr. Borden's policy. If they are prepared to stand by their constituents regardless of Mr. Borden's attitude, then they are the men the Western farmers are looking for. It will be also of interest for the Western members of the government party to explain their tariff views in the light of Mr. Fielding's statement. There is a lot of explaining to be done in the near future.

TERMINAL ELEVATOR SITUATION

At the present time the special Senate committee dealing with the new Grain Bill is divided in regard to the terminal elevator remedy. Two reports have been presented by the committee as published in last Week's Guide. It is evident that there are powerful interests at work at Ottawa in favor of the terminal elevator owners, who desire that present conditions shall continue with little if any change. The government in its endeavor to secure redress of the grievances in the terminal elevators will find that nothing short of actual government operation will give satisfaction. There are minor details in connection with the operation of the terminals as public utilities which cannot

be worked out in the bill, but if the elevators are operated by the government under a satisfactory commission these details can be arranged with less difficulty. The farmers of the West who are the people chiefly interested in the terminal elevators, have repeatedly demanded government operation, and in view of present circumstances they are more justified than ever in holding to their demands. A goodly number of letters addressed to the government and the Western members at the present time in favor of government operation of the terminals would have a splendid effect.

A GOOD EXAMPLE

In United States many farmers oppose the reciprocity agreement because they declare that it discriminates against them in favor of the manufacturers. The Democrats at Washington are not opposing the agreement but are determined to remove the discrimination. They have already introduced a bill putting over 100 articles, including all kinds of farm implements and machinery, on the free list. If the American Senate passes this bill it will afford great relief to the consumers who have been tariff-taxed for half a century. Why cannot our members at Ottawa do likewise? The placing of farm implements on the free list in Canada would be a boon to the farmers and can well be stood by the manufacturers. The same applies to a number of other items.

OUR FRIENDS ARE HELPING

We have had a generous response to the appeal to our readers to help us increase our subscription list. Here is a typical letter from one of our Saskatchewan readers:

Seeing your offer in The Guide of last week to send The Guide for the balance of the year for 50c, I thought I would look around and see if I could not get a subscription or two. I am pleased to say I got four. I don't think there are many farmers here but what take The Guide. If I can find any that don't I will do my best to induce them to take it. I sent you one two weeks ago. He could not see where the reciprocity pact was going to be of any benefit to the farmers. I asked him what papers he read. He said the Herald and Star. So of course I knew where the influence was. I gave him my Guide to read and got his subscription right away. I venture to think he will soon change his mind, as he has also joined our association.

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Sir Edmund Walker, president of the Bank of Commerce, and the greatest living patriot, has just been in Winnipeg and says that reciprocity is a "cloud" hanging over Canada. It is not half so dangerous a cloud as is the selfish system which this great patriot is trying to bolster up.

TARIFF POLICIES

If the editorial staff and the owners of the Winnipeg Telegram combined their efforts they could not make worse charges against The Guide than that journal has made in the past few weeks. The Telegram declares that the West is opposed to reciprocity, and because it cannot find any proof of its contention it proceeds to abuse The Guide and the leaders of the organized farmers. The Telegram has stated its tariff policy in its issue of April 18 as follows:

"More farmers are making up their minds every day to sink this miserable experimental makeshift (the reciprocity agreement) a thousand fathoms deep, and then endeavor to have the tariff adjusted upon a sound, scientific basis, instead of being a scramble by special interests for license to practice plunder and extortion."

This tariff platform of The Telegram's sounds somewhat like the tariff utterance of Sir Wilfrid Laurier in Winnipeg in 1894 when he said:

"I denounce the policy of protection as bondage, yea, bondage; and I refer to bondage in the same manner that American slavery was bondage."

If the Telegram's tariff platform means the same kind of downward tariff revision that we have been getting for the past 15 years it will hardly be pleasing. The farmers, on the other hand, know exactly what they want and are prepared to state in definite figures what action they want taken towards the tariff.

BOUNTIES ON IRON AND STEEL

The promoters of the steel industry in Canada are determined to have a bounty from the Dominion treasury if possible. Manufacturing is only a small part of their business. The really profitable end is politics. If they can operate their plants profitably under the high tariff protection afforded them it is well. If in addition to this they can get a donation of \$17,000,000 from the people's pocket book that is real business. Thus, as Mr. Edward Porritt says: "Industry leans on the politician." Today many promoters of industry in Canada figure first on the profits they can make legitimately. Then they proceed to hold up some city or town for free sites and tax exemptions. This is followed by a raid upon the provincial treasuries. This is the plan followed by the steel and iron industry. The actual manufacturing business is used as a blind to distract attention while the treasury of the people is being tapped. The people of Canada have given to the steel plant at Sydney, Nova Scotia, sufficient to build their entire plant. What return do the people get? They pay more for the products of the plant than they would pay if there were no tariff. The steel rails from that plant are sent to Australia cheaper than they are sold to Canadian railways. This is subsidizing not only Canadian industry, but Australian railways as well. Is there any wonder that freight rates are lower in Australia? Now in the face of this the steel magnates want more gifts. If the people protest they are called unpatriotic. We are led to believe that agriculture is the mainstay of Canada. Since 1867 the expenditure by the federal government for arts, agriculture, statistics, civil government and quarantine has been \$14,464,935.48. During this same time there has been given from the federal treasury \$607,000,000 in railway grants, guarantees and subsidies; \$83,000,000 for the militia, and more than \$17,000,000 in bounties to the iron and steel industry. Of course the expenditures for railways, though very lavish, as well as for the militia, were for the benefit of the agricultural classes as for others. But the expenditure for iron and steel was for the benefit of no class. More has been given to aid a little handful of manipulators in iron and steel than to assist agriculture in all Canada. The people still own the experimental farms and have something to show

for the expenditure for agriculture. There is nothing whatever to show for the expenditure on iron and steel. If we went into the other huge benefits conferred upon the manufacturing industry as compared with the niggardly appropriation for agriculture it would be an alarming picture. Every man wants to see manufacturing industries built up in Canada, but there is no sense nor reason in giving the promoters of these industries sufficient cash to build and equip their plants, pay dividends on watered stock and then give the whole thing into private hands. If the policy adopted towards agriculture had been the same as towards manufacturing, Canadian farmers today would be rolling in wealth. As it is, they are being compelled to roll out the wealth for the benefit of manipulators.

WHEAT AND RECIPROCITY

In our Mail Bag of last issue Mr. G. D. Fitzgerald asks us definitely our opinion on wheat prices when the reciprocity agreement is ratified. It is impossible for any man to state just what advantage in prices will accrue to the farmers of Western Canada from reciprocity. The Peavy elevator interests at Ottawa a few days ago said undoubtedly that the Western farmers would secure better prices for their off grades. It is also patent that there will be keener competition for Canadian wheat, which should bring its advantages. The Minnesota grading system is of a considerably lower standard than the Canadian system, but a great deal of the wheat from Minnesota and the Dakotas is sold on sample at Minneapolis. We wish to call the attention of our readers to the following grading requirements of the Minnesota act:

"No. 1 Northern Spring Wheat—Shall be sound, sweet and clean, may consist of the hard and soft varieties of spring wheat, and weigh not less than 57 pounds to the measured bushel.

"No. 2 Northern Spring Wheat—Shall be spring wheat not clean enough nor sound enough for No. 1, but of good milling quality, and may consist of the bearded varieties, and must not weigh less than 56 pounds to the measured bushel.

"No. 3 Northern Spring Wheat—Shall be composed of inferior, shrunken, spring wheat and weigh not less than 54 pounds to the measured bushel."

These are the grades upon which wheat is sold at Minneapolis. In order to understand the difference in prices it is necessary to consider these in the light of the Canadian grade requirements upon which the Fort William prices are based. They are as follows, quoted from the Manitoba Grain Act:

"No. 1 Northern Manitoba wheat shall be sound and well cleaned, weighing not less than 60 pounds to the bushel, and shall be composed of at least 60 per centum of hard Red Fife wheat.

"No. 2 Northern Manitoba wheat shall be sound and reasonably clean, of good milling qualities and fit for warehousing, weighing not less than 58 pounds to the bushel and shall be composed of at least forty-five per centum of hard Red Fife wheat.

"Any wheat not good enough to be graded as No. 2 Manitoba Northern shall be graded No. 3 Manitoba Northern in the discretion of the inspector."

Now with these standards before us we wish to call our readers' attention to the cash prices on the Minneapolis sample market and the Winnipeg Grain Exchange on the same day, April 13, which is the most convenient date at the time of writing:

Minneapolis	Winnipeg
1 Nor. 98 $\frac{1}{8}$	1 Nor. 89 $\frac{1}{2}$
2 Nor. 96 $\frac{1}{2}$	2 Nor. 87 $\frac{1}{4}$
3 Nor. 95 $\frac{1}{4}$	3 Nor. 85

If our readers study the grade requirements for 1 Northern at Minneapolis and Winnipeg they will notice that there is a considerable difference as to weight and color. No. 2 Northern Manitoba wheat is considered by experts to be superior to 1 Northern Minnesota, and it is also claimed that a goodly portion of our No. 3 Northern wheat would

grade at 1 Northern at Minneapolis. Just what advantage the Canadian farmers will secure we do not pretend to be able to say, but there certainly will be a considerable advantage. No doubt the abolition of the duty on wheat will render necessary some changes in our marketing system, and this will have to be worked out by the farmers and those connected with the grain trade with a view to securing for the Western farmers the utmost market value of his wheat.

The announcement made by Mr. Fielding in his budget speech on April 4, that the steel bounties would not be renewed, caused the price of Dominion Iron and Steel stock to drop from 60 to 56 on the stock exchange. This gives a fair indication that the bounties bestowed upon this institution by the Dominion government have been used to create dividends. The manipulators of the steel and iron industries have not yet given up hope that they will again be allowed to tap the Dominion treasury. They are still holding out this hope in order to hold up the price of their stock.

According to the Winnipeg Telegram, Mr. Glen Campbell at his meeting at Neepawa on April 17 told his audience that "he was only a farmer like his hearers, his interests were **INIMICAL** with theirs, and he wished to address his hearers from that line." It is gratifying to know that before he goes back to Ottawa he has admitted his inconsistency. We are glad to know from Mr. Campbell personally that he is really opposed to the Western farmers.

Seeding has begun and the farmers are getting busy. Unlike the Protected Interests, the farmers have to depend for success upon the efficiency of their labor and on the bounties of Providence. The Protected Interests depend largely upon their political influence and the bounties of the Dominion government to give them their chiefest profits.

It should be made a rule that every interest demanding protection should publish a detailed statement of its business, profits, salaries and capitalization each year. If the people have to support these industries they have a right to know what they are supporting.

Those working for the cause of reform should not be discouraged if immediate results are not all that could be asked for. If the foundation is rightly laid and the educational work properly carried on the results are as sure as anything can be.

"The barbarous instinct of the protectionist mind," is a splendid phrase coined years ago by Sir Richard Cartwright. It must worry him to see so much of that "barbarous instinct" so close to him.

There is again some talk of a tariff commission. There is not much need of a commission when the government has already carloads of expressions on the tariff from all parts of the country.

Col. Sam Hughes, in the House of Commons last week, said that the leaders of the Grain Growers were in the pay of the government. This was a statesmanlike utterance about the size of Col. Hughes.

In United States there are members of Congress who refuse to follow the dictation of party leaders, but who are determined to fight in the interests of the people. May insurgency become a habit in Canada!

A Good Series of Meetings

By W. J. TREGILLUS

As requested, I am sending you a short account of the visit to the Edmonton and Lloydminster districts which had been arranged for Mr. Fream and myself. Unfortunately, Mr. Fream was prevented from carrying out his part of the program, to the keen disappointment of those who looked forward to his visit, and to my own, because I missed his help, although I benefitted by having larger audiences through his being announced.

To make my first appointment I had to leave Calgary on Wednesday afternoon, March 22, and so made Strathcona that night. Rice Sheppard fetched me the next day to his home nearby and then drove me to East Clover Bar in time for the evening meeting. The weather, which had been very threatening, became very stormy just at the time of the meeting and prevented such a large gathering as was anticipated, although the school house was comfortably filled. The entertainment consisted of songs, recitations and a few short addresses from the visitors present, with refreshment at half time. The whole meeting was a great success and showed that the unions in that vicinity are alive and that the ladies are as interested as the men. We started early next morning for Edmonton, where Mr. Sheppard had arranged to deliver me to G. S. Long, who, after lunch, drove me to St. Albert. We had a meeting there which, owing to the heavy state of the roads, was not large, but what it lacked in numbers it made up in enthusiasm, and we felt that the time was well spent and look for good progress in that district.

Namoo Meeting

Mr. Long then drove to his home at Namoo, where we had supper, and then repaired to the school house, two miles distant. We found a large number, and before the meeting commenced the room was well packed. Under the chairmanship of J. Rye we had a very interesting time. The discussion after the addresses showed that the audience understood the questions brought up and knew their mind regarding them. After spending the night at the hospitable home of Mr. Long we started early for Edmonton, where a meeting was to be held at one o'clock. The Board of Trade room was well filled with a very interested audience.

When I had spoken and we had discussed different questions, Direct Legislation in particular, I left for Strathcona for a meeting at 3.30. A very pleasant meeting of the conversational kind was held under the presidency of Mr. Ball, and some outstanding questions freely handled.

This ended the meeting arranged for the Edmonton district and I was then anxiously looking for Mr. Fream, who had sent word to say that he hoped to join me at Lloydminster, but when the train time for that town on Sunday evening arrived I could find no one answering his description on the train, and so continued the journey alone. When I arrived there at four o'clock next morning I found Mr. Linton, also Mr. Austin, of Ranfurly, who came down on the same train. At the time appointed in the afternoon we found a large gathering from the surrounding district, including quite a few members of the Grain Growers' Association of Saskatchewan. I hope I was sufficiently orthodox to please my friend, Mr. Green, of Moose Jaw. If I did preach any heresies I shall doubtless hear of it. The meeting was addressed by Mr. Austin, who was well received and made an acceptable speech and a good impression, after which a good discussion was entered into by the members of different unions present, showing that the U.F.A. is alive and has some very able supporters in this part of the province. Mr. John Campbell, of Streamstown, presided.

An Open Air Meeting

Next morning we started early for Mr. Barber's ranch and were fortunate enough to prevail on Mr. Austin to ac-

company us, although he only came down for the Monday. Mr. Linton was in charge of the party, and Carl Rosa, who had contributed so largely to our entertainment the previous evening, also accompanied us. After Mrs. Barber had taken good care of us during the lunch hour we made for the meeting place of the Rising Sun Union, which is a large shack used for meetings, and one wondered where all the people came from, as a large stretch of prairie only could be seen, but no houses. But they did come and in large numbers, with ox-teams, heavy teams and Bain wagons, light teams and democrats, buggies, and others on horseback, and a splendid meeting was held out on the prairie under the presidency of D. W. McKenzie. We found at this meeting that Mr. Austin was warming up to his work. We also brought on our reserve man, Mr. Linton, and in addition had some good speeches from the local men, which made a most interesting and instructive meeting. Mr. Fairbrother, the local secretary, is waiting for a bunch of sample Guides, and wants to be put on the best terms, so as to get all the members subscribing.

After the meeting was over we were taken to Sunnyside school house. A full house of very interested ladies and gentlemen, with a good springling of young people, greeted us at Sunnyside. Mr. Austin got into his swing and struck a good gait, and Mr. Linton, who is a single gentleman, did splendidly.

ing we enjoyed listening to the able speeches given by the local speakers. The chairman put lots of vim into the meeting with his real Irish wit and humor, which seemed infectious. He is a splendid speaker and has a wonderful imagination, taking his illustrations from all over the world and applying them with skill. He was very proud of being the one to discover Mr. Austin and helping him to get elected as director, and said that when Christopher Columbus discovered America he knew he had discovered something, but did not know for some time after the value of his discovery, and predicted a similar experience in Mr. Austin's case. We were then taken to Islay for our final meeting. This was presided over by W. H. Gordon, and after the visiting speakers had addressed those present a good discussion on many leading subjects affecting the U.F.A. was entered into and some valuable suggestions came out.

Mr. Austin and I left Islay by the 12.40 a.m. train west for our homes; Mr. Linton by the 3 a.m. train east for his bachelor's home. Possibly a few such trips as this may be the means of some alteration. My best wishes go with Mr. Linton, who showed us such kindness through the trip.

My aim at each meeting was to show the importance of the farmers' occupation, in fact the impossibility of a community without agriculture, although possible with that alone; then to point out

their capital! Why should they pay tribute to another part of the community who were legally permitted by unjust laws to levy it? Do not Isaiah's words fit this case when he said: "Therefore my people are gone into captivity for lack of knowledge!" We have allowed the manufacturers to get us into economic bondage for lack of knowledge, and because of our carelessness they have been by scheming, enslaving us. While we have been working they have been watching. We have been working singly. They have been organized. Though we are stronger and more numerous, we have allowed them to bind us and make slaves of us. Think of it! Some 2,500 manufacturers making slaves of millions of farmers. Is it possible? Yes, it is a fact. A thinking man cannot be kept in slavery, and a man who will not think cannot be kept out of slavery. What is the remedy? If we are slaves through ignorance, lack of knowledge, clearly it is to get the light, knowledge. Let us see to it that we get to know just where we are, and no better information can be obtained than through The Guide, and I strongly urged every farmer to subscribe. No better way can money be spent and no way of spending will bring equal returns. This paper is run by farmers for farmers, is staunch and true and can neither be bought nor sold.

Direct Legislation

After showing the absolute necessity of organization I explained Direct Legislation at every meeting and showed how simply and effectively it worked, and urged with all the power that I possessed for everyone to work for its establishment in our province, which would enable us to remove many of the existing evils in a short time. I then concluded by giving details of the work and extraordinary progress of the U.F.A., and after the other speakers had addressed the meeting, invited, through the chairman, questions on any point of interest. In fact I always asked my audience to interrupt me if I failed to make myself clear on any point or if they wanted to ask any questions on any matter I might overlook.

Mr. Austin explained how he became a farmer in Alberta, and, although previously used to other kinds of business, had succeeded satisfactorily. He also told how he became a member of the U.F.A. and how he was determined to stick to both. He enthusiastically described the work the association was doing and its value to farmers, and pressed every union to send a full delegation to the annual convention. He advised ordinary members, if they could afford it, to attend also. He said it was like attending a Methodist camp meeting, it filled a man with enthusiasm. He had been to two conventions and in each case when he returned he did more work than he would have ever thought of doing had he not attended. He urged everyone to make an effort to do so and said they could not make any sacrifice that would not be more than repaid by being present. He said we should aim to have at least one thousand delegates at our next convention, and work to that end.

He also pointed out that we must take more interest in our own political affairs and attend to them, and told in his own dry, humorous way how he was at the last federal election canvassed by a gentleman who stated that he was a brother farmer and who seemed wonderfully interested in him, and being so kind, so smooth, Mr. Austin said, "he drew me out, and then I told him he hadn't the hall mark of a farmer, having a stove pipe hat, frock coat, hair carefully parted down the centre, an ample girth, carrying a good deal under the waistcoat," in fact, he said, "he seemed to me to be altogether too well fed and too well groomed for a farmer," and Mr. Austin warned his hearers to give such smooth men a wide berth and seek out some good man to represent the district and take a leaf



Barn of R. A. Stinson, Lyleton, Man.

One might not be wrong if one guessed that the inspiration came from the ladies present. Mr. McLean was in the chair, and all felt that the general discussion, which was freely entered into by the ladies and gentlemen, was most helpful. The enthusiasm created will doubtless mean added strength. Many came long distances and seemed satisfied with what they obtained.

Next morning, early, J. C. McLeod, of Oxvill, who had come over the evening before, called for us and drove us to his home for lunch and then to the school house where we had a good meeting, a large attendance and good discussion. Again we were favored with the presence of ladies, and our reserve man was at his best. Mr. Young took us back to Lloydminster where we took the train at 3 a.m. to Kitcooty.

After a few hours sleep and breakfast we were fetched by Mr. Heathcote and taken to his home at North Kitcooty, and after lunch he and his father took us to the school house. This we thought was our last meeting, but we found Mr. D. Gilchrist, of Islay, and Mr. Lively had come over to take us back for a meeting at that town when this meeting was over.

Local Speakers Good

We had a splendid meeting at North Kitcooty, Mr. T. Farrell presiding, and when we had each addressed the meet-

that notwithstanding our absolute necessity for the existence of all consumers, we were so beset by combines, monopolies and mergers that we were compelled to sell at the lowest possible wholesale prices without the slightest regard to the cost of production or the law of supply and demand. For the same reasons we were obliged to purchase all our requirements at the highest retail prices. In many cases the commodities were the manufactured articles of the raw products we had sold, and pointed out that no other business could possibly exist that so entirely violated the fundamental law of trading and that we could only stand it while dealing with the bounties of a virgin soil, but when we had mined Mother Earth so that we came near the cost of production we should in self-defence have to procure a fair return for our labor and interest on the capital invested or go out of existence.

Other Burdens

In addition to the fleecing we were being subjected to from these sources, we were carrying the tremendous burden of tariff so that we were weighted beyond endurance, and what was the reason for our being in the position we found ourselves? Why should farmers work harder than any other class and simply get in return what amounted to only a small interest on

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out of the capitalist's book. They, he said, make use of either party or both parties to get their ends. Mr. Austin concluded by saying the men who find themselves in this great new country are fortunate and he believes that we are here to show what can be done in this highly favored part of the Dominion. He advised everyone to make the best showing possible in every way as a farmer, a citizen and a man, thereby making this province what it should be, the best in the Dominion.

District Convention

Mr. Linton explained the object of the meetings and then apologized for the absence of Mr. Fream, who had been announced. He explained that Mr. Fream had been prevented by some "hang up" in moving his office to Calgary and promised that he would try and arrange for another series of meetings and get Mr. Fream along to address them. He also explained the success of the Stettler convention and said that every meeting so far attended by us expressed the desire to hold a district convention. He promised to arrange one at an early date at some central town to be decided on, so that the greatest possible number could be induced to attend. The objects of the proposed convention would be to divide the district into parts and appoint organizers to get the whole district covered. Mr. Linton is a great worker and I am quite sure stimulated those whom he addressed. He was a great help in the meetings.

I believe the whole series of meetings will result in much good to all. I am sure they will be of great benefit to those of us who took part in them. We were able, as Mr. Farrell put it, to make the discovery that we had two good men whose talents had been hid in a napkin. I am sure we shall hear from both Mr. Austin and Mr. Linton in the future and that they can be depended on to do good work.

We had the best evidences of the fact that the U.F.A. is very much alive. People all through were willing to take their teams and give their time to transfer us from place to place, open their homes to us and give us of their best, in fact could not do or give enough. I wish to acknowledge with heartfelt gratitude all that was done for us and all who came many miles over the prairies to make the meetings so successful.

One is constantly meeting surprises on these trips. My first was at Stratheona when I saw Mr. Rice Sheppard's whole-hearted interest in the success of the U.F.A. He is a genuine U.F.A. man and nothing is a sacrifice too great for him to make for its development and success.

My stay with our old time director, Geo. Long, showed me his value in the high esteem in which he is held in his district. He is a great worker, although he does not care to do much speaking. He is one of our strong men, possessing excellent judgment.

At Mr. Rogers' home we arrived late at night and saw one daughter and one son; the next day we found seven daughters. Here we found a home with the real home life on the prairie.

The gentleman to whom we were indebted for bringing us from Oxville to Mr. Rogers' surprised us after supper by giving us some lovely instrumental pieces on the American organ. He had been an organist in London, England, but preferred the free life, the room, sunshine and health of the prairies to city life. I regret I lost some memoranda I had on a piece of paper containing the names of my kind friends, and this was one whose name I cannot remember.

On arriving at the home of Mr. Heathcote and his son we found Mr. Heathcote, senior, to be a gentleman full of enthusiasm, of wide experience. He had been on a lecturing tour in England for the Dominion government and better qualified than I to address the local meeting.

I shall not forget the many lessons learned, the splendid characters met and the kindnesses received from everyone we came in contact with on this enjoyable but strenuous trip, and sincerely trust that the association will be benefited by this effort.

FREAK LEGISLATION BY STATE LEGISLATURES

J. Francis Burk, writing in the New York Independent, says that one of the state legislatures of the union actually attempted the passage of a law making ground hog day a legal holiday. A new member of another, in his desire to accommodate a constituent, indorsed and introduced, apparently without even reading, a bill to improve the alimentary canal. Among bills now pending is one to compel a man to take out a license before buying a drink, just as he has to take out a license to fish and a license to hunt. Another makes it a penal offense for a doctor to perform an operation for appendicitis if it afterward appears that it was not absolutely necessary. Another makes it a penal offense for a man to put his feet on his desk while dictating to a young lady stenographer. Another taxes bachelors between the ages of twenty-five and forty-five. Another compels single men to give up the title of Mister, and wear one equivalent to the title of Miss, to prevent single women from flirting with married men, supposing them to be single. There is another to punish with imprisonment profanity over the telephone. Another compels hotels to furnish bed sheets not less than nine feet long. Another punishes railway ticket agents who fail to answer any question put to them by curious travelers. Another is to compel couples desiring to marry to furnish physicians' certificates as to their physical conditions.

Bills have recently found their way into Congress to regulate the washing and ironing of shirts and collars; for the regulation of women's hat pins; making it a penal offense for a man to exhibit a clock in front of his place of business which is either fast or slow. A bill recently forwarded to a prominent member of Congress authorized its promoter to run a lottery on condition that from the conduct of it he agreed to pay off the national debt.

A natural result of the conflicts arising out of our multitude of laws was brought to light recently in the case of the farmer whose children were chased by a bear on the way to school. The law made it a penal offense to kill the bears, but it also punished the farmer for not sending his children to school, and the school board was obliged to take the matter up and grant him dispensation until the bear shooting season opened and he could kill the animals.

DAIRYMEN ON RECIPROCITY

J. R. Anderson, treasurer of the Eastern Ontario Dairymen's Association, in an interview with the Globe, says that the township of Ameliasburg, if divided along party lines, would give a Conservative majority of 160. Still, nine out of ten farmers in his neighborhood favor reciprocity. Mr. Anderson himself, although a Conservative, has been working for it consistently from the beginning, and was one of the principal members of the deputation to Ottawa.

Dr. Charlie Publow, also in an interview with the Globe, says that while the British market will not warrant a higher price than 11½¢ for Canadian cheese, the best grades of cheese on the New York Exchange are bringing 14½¢ to 15¢. The Borden Condensed Milk Co., of New York state, Dr. Publow adds, has made contracts for milk from April to September. The lowest price (for June) is \$1.10, the next lowest (for May) \$1.25, and the highest is for September, \$1.55. "How do these prices," asks Dr. Publow, "compare with 85¢ per cwt. paid in Prince Edward county last year?"

Wm. Parkinson, Haldimand county, makes over 100 tons of butter every year. Last year he shipped some butter to the United States, even in the face of a duty of 6¢ per lb. The proportion of good butter in Canada is, he says, much higher than in the United States, and with free access to the American market, Canadian butter-makers would do very much better than they are doing now.—Toronto Sun.

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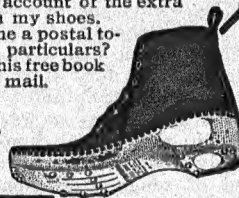


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Co-operation in Practice

By HAZEL HAMMOND ALBERTSON

In the Co-operative News

Of all the forces that are making for co-operation throughout the West, there is none based on more fundamental principles of economic justice than the Right Relationship League of Minnesota. Although organized about ten years ago in Chicago, by a group of earnest, far-sighted men, the work which the league did for a number of years was largely among the lines of propaganda, and it was not until its removal to Minneapolis that its active career began. Since that time much has been accomplished, for over one hundred co-operative retail stores dealing in groceries and merchandise have been formed. This field is the one wherein there have been the most discouragements and failures, for it takes effective management and care to succeed in running co-operatively a retail dry goods and grocery business. It is good executive management that counts, for the "failures of co-operation," that bugbear that is not yet quite dead, is due to failure in managerial attention to details, and it is because the league has done its managerial work so thoroughly and so efficiently that the history of its little enterprise is different from that of many Rochdale stores of the East.

The league held its fourth annual convention at Minneapolis from the 14th to the 17th of March, 1910. More than 150 delegates were present and these represented 7,000 members of the co-operative retail stores that have been organized and successfully operated during the past four years. A number of helpful addresses were given.

Organization Plans

The plan of the league is to organize in every trading community in each county a store and shipping department owned exclusively by local people, by which the entire buying and selling power of many counties may be concentrated eventually through their own co-operative wholesale company. Over one hundred county co-operatives have been organized, 80 per cent. of which are

in a flourishing condition, 10 per cent. are holding even, and 10 per cent. are losing ground. The next step is to organize a large wholesale store to be capitalized by the various co-operative store companies, and through this medium be enabled to buy more advantageously, also to save the middleman's profits.

In speaking of the convention the league writes: "It is impossible to describe the enthusiasm which pervaded the conference; all the members were imbued with the great advantages of co-operation. The co-operative movement in this part of the country has been made successful by the great amount of work and tireless energy of this band of co-operators of the Northwest. The movement has made itself so much felt that letters are coming into the home office by hundreds from different parts of the country calling for assistance and advice relative to starting movements based on co-operative principles."

New Jersey Learns

Mr. Trouseley, secretary of the league, was recently invited to address the New Jersey State Board of Agriculture at its 37th annual session on the subject of co-operation as practiced by the Right Relationship League, and after hearing the plans of work the board passed the following resolution. "Resolved that: Having heard the addresses of E. M. Tousley, secretary-treasurer of the Right Relationship League of Minneapolis, Minnesota, explaining co-operation, the New Jersey State Board of Agriculture hereby recommends for consideration the plans and methods of said league, in establishing co-operative enterprises, and recommends such plans to the farmers of New Jersey as a means of improving their condition." Mr. Tousley's two addresses were, "Co-operation among Farmers—The Business Side," and "Co-operation among Farmers—The Ethical Principles Involved." In commenting on the movement in the East Mr. Tousley says: "Speaking generally of conditions,

I would say that the people of the East are somewhat "up in the air." They apparently know less about what should be done and what ought to be done to remedy existing economic—social and political conditions than do the insurgents of the Middle West. In fact, I heard it remarked more than once that "The nation must look to the West for its reforms."

Determination

Some of the staying qualities of the league stores is exemplified by the experience of the company of Hankinson, South Dakota. This retail co-operative was organized in 1909, with 86 members and invoice of goods amounting to \$10,775. The company did a good business and was making money up to December, 1909, when it was unfortunate to lose by fire practically its entire property. Unfortunately the company had less than half enough fire insurance protection to cover the value of the stock. As a result nearly the entire investment of the stockholders was lost. These people had worked together long enough, however, and studied sufficiently into the benefits of co-operation to be willing to start all over again. Accordingly, the league was notified of their intention, and an organizer was put into the field to secure subscribers for a new company. In a short time 75 signers agreed to take \$100 worth of stock apiece, most of whom had been in the old company. On the 9th of February, 1910, a year lacking six days from the date of the organization of the first company, the second was formed under the name of the "People's Co-operative Company." It was voted to organize in the latest revised plans, articles of incorporation, and by-laws recommended by the Right Relationship League, these latest by-laws providing that each stockholder may hold up to \$1,000 worth of stock, and also providing that each stockholder is entitled to but one vote with no proxies. They also voted to install the uniform system of bookkeeping, auditing and report blanks provided by the advisory board of the league.

Work is Growing

Among the ordinary reports of the store companies that come into the central office of the league during the

month are taking the following, indicating the success and stability of the league organization.

The Dundee Co-operative Company with a membership of 52, and three employees whose annual salaries amount to \$1,530 shows the amount of business transacted to be \$30,000 the net profit \$2,650. The board declared dividend on share capital of 9 1/4 per cent., and ten per cent. purchase dividend to members and five per cent. to non-members, making a total dividend of \$2,150, leaving an undivided profit of nearly \$500. The total sales to members amounted to \$11,250; to non-members, \$11,329.

The Jackson County Co-operative Company, organized in May, 1908, with a membership of 136 now has 218 members, employs ten people, and pays annual salaries of \$6,400. Their total sales of merchandise and produce amounted to \$95,000 during the year. Their net profit for the year was \$7,227.71, of which they paid out to members \$4,275, leaving undivided profits of \$2,035.19.

The Lyon County Co-operative Company, organized in May, 1908, with thirty members has now fifty-three. It pays out in annual salaries over \$3,000 and yet it shows a total net gain of \$2,500. Its total sales amounted to \$44,000.

The Royalton Co-operative Company was organized with 57 members in July, 1909. Business transacted during the six months of its organization amounted to \$16,725, a 6 per cent. dividend to members and 3 per cent. dividend to non-members, was paid, the total amounting to \$500.

The Richland County Co-operative which was organized in November, 1908, with 111 members now has 182, employs 6 people, paying out in salaries \$4,020.34, their total sales for the year amounted to \$50,000, net profit being \$4,275. They, paid out in purchase dividends \$3,091 and kept a reserve fund of \$1,050.

The Baldwin Co-operative Company shows total sales of merchandise and produce to be \$30,565. Their net profit was \$2,040. The board declared a dividend on stock of 7 per cent., and 10 per cent. purchase dividend to members and 5 per cent. to non-members.



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Farm Miscellany

SOWING MIXED GRAINS

Experiments conducted over a series of years at the Ontario Agricultural college show that suitable varieties of barley and oats, mixed in the right proportions, produced over 200 pounds of grain per acre more than either of the grains when grown separately. Whenever flax, emmer, spring wheat or hullless barley were added to the standard mixture of oats and barley, it decreased the yield per acre, even though a greater amount of seed was used in each case. The average results of ten years' trials go to show that the greatest number of pounds of grain per acre were produced from the mixture of one bushel oats (34 pounds) and one bushel barley (48 pounds), or a total amount of 82 pounds mixed seed per acre. Sixteen other different combinations were used in the trial. Another point of interest brought out in two distinct experiments was that the largest amount of seed gave comparatively low results in grain production. A mixture of five pecks of oats and five pecks of barley was surpassed by a mixture of three pecks each by an average annual yield of over 87 pounds per acre of grain. The mixture of one bushel oats and one bushel barley surpassed the mixture of five pecks of each by an annual yield of practically 200 pounds per acre. For this purpose a very early variety of oats with a six-rowed barley should be used, or a very late barley with an ordinary-maturing variety of oats, so as to secure even ripening.

The tabulated results of a four-years' trial shows that, prior to 1910, the combination of Mandscheuri barley and Daubeney oats gave a greater grain yield per acre than any other mixture. With the results of 1910 included, Mandscheuri barley and Alaska oats, one bushel each, headed the list, with an average yield of 2,551 pounds of grain per acre, by 25 pounds over the other mixture. Of nineteen different combinations, the two referred to are the only ones that gave an average total yield of over 2,500 pounds of grain per acre per year. The mixture of Mandscheuri barley and Banner oats was surpassed by the mixture of Mandscheuri and Daubeney oats, by 107 pounds of grain per acre per year. While there appears to be a decided advantage in growing different cereals together, there seems to be no marked advantage from growing different varieties of the same class in combination.

HAS THE CHICKEN FEVER

Several years ago I had an acute attack of chicken fever, of the Barred Rock variety, and although I lived to tell the tale I believe I will remain a chicken crank to the end of the chapter.

I made my start in the chicken business by buying pure bred eggs. Although results may be slow in coming, I believe it is the best way as the cash outlay is small and you have all sorts of chances to learn as you go along. Of course, you may, if money is no object, buy a mated pen of first class birds and in this way cut off several years of breeding-up. For the introducing of fresh blood I nearly always buy eggs and always from one of three breeders I deal with in the Eastern States. The different occasions that I did purchase birds were pretty much failures. However, I have at present as good a flock of poultry as you will find most any place. There is another side to the poultry business besides breeding for standard requirements, and that is the egg laying habit at the time of the year when eggs are scarce, and therefore high in price. Our hens are doing their duty in this line better every season and this winter, during the coldest of weather, have been busy shelling out eggs at three cents each.

For a number of years we housed our poultry in the horse barn, a bad plan for both horses and poultry. Now, however, we have the feathered stock in a building of their own. This building is fifty-two feet long by twelve feet wide, five feet high at the back, and nine feet high in front, facing the south. There are five windows in the south wall, each four feet by two and a half feet, placed upright, which allows the sunlight to reach the back wall. Between

the windows are other frames, long and narrow, over which factory cotton is placed for ventilation. The building is divided into pens of different sizes, and all male birds divided off from the females. Likewise old hens are apart from the pullets.

This building we put up ourselves, outside of making and placing of windows, and cost in the neighborhood of two dollars per bird, allowing four and a half feet to each fowl. By hanging water tins, nests and shell boxes on the walls, and placing dusting boxes up on legs, the poultry have the entire floor space to work on.

Taking one day's feeding and care of poultry, which is an average of each day's general care, I start in the morning as follows: First, hooking up curtains from over windows; then a feed of whole oats or barley is well worked into the scratching litter by the use of a fork. This induces even the laziest member of the flock to work if she wants any breakfast. Next the water tins are emptied and refilled, any eggs that have been dropped in the night are picked up; then we leave the hens to run things to suit themselves till noon. After dinner a mash composed of shorts, oat or barley chop mixed with milk and kitchen scraps is fed. This mash is fed in narrow troughs which, when emptied, are hung up on the wall out of the way. Next, shell boxes are filled, also dust boxes are attended to. Greens, in the shape of beets or turnips, are thrown into each pen for the birds to work at. Along about four o'clock the last feed of the day is given. This feed is always whole grain, either barley or wheat, though generally the latter well worked into the litter. As the day darkens, the hens having gone to roost, the curtains are dropped and the place left for the night.

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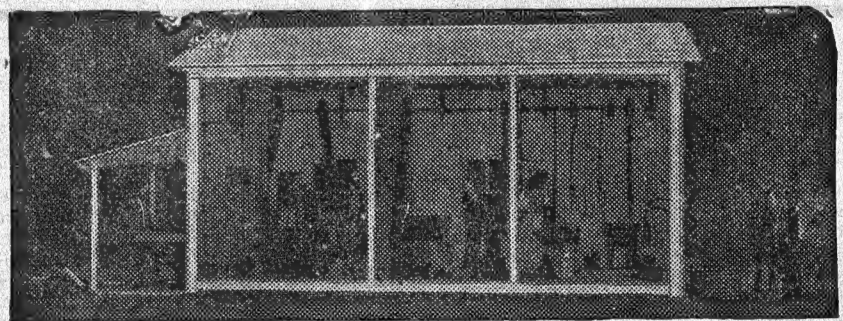
From the foregoing the average person might think I spent a large part of my time in the chicken house, but such is not the case, for I have other work to do. Outside of days when pens are cleaned, an hour a day is more than enough time to attend to the poultry.

W. R. BARNER.

Deloraine, Man.

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means by which such a purchase can be accomplished, may not be out of place.

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Clauses. (a) The amount of acreage to be broken or plowed on the land of each partner. (b) Whatever motive power is used this should be paid for by the partner on whose land the engine is working, it being only reasonable that breaking, varying as it does, more power is required at one time than another. (c) When outside breaking is being done it is advisable to purchase jointly the gasoline or other motive power used. (d) Repairs chargeable should be entered to joint account. (e) Proper accounts to be kept. (f) An agreement should be arrived at providing for a term of notice to be given by either partner to the other, but not to be given till the payment of tractor is completed. It may also be advisable to further provide that if for some reason unforeseen a dissolution is absolutely necessary, the retiring partner shall find another to replace him whose security is acceptable to the vendors and who is also acceptable to the partner remaining.

In clause (a) it will at once strike the practical reader that supposing one partner has an acreage to be broken of greater extent than the other an understanding must be come to as to the price to be allowed for the extra breaking, because while the tractor is doing this extra breaking at home at cost price, it may be earning much more on outside work. It may be here argued that the tractor is originally purchased for the benefit of the joint partners and specially to do their own work. But the object of these lines is to point out what might occur—these disputable details which can be advantageously settled.

In connection with clause (b) it is to be regretted that up to the present there is no provision made by the tractor companies to show on their engines the amount of gasoline, etc., used. It should not exercise a great deal of ingenuity to place a dial showing how many gallons are constant in the tank. This is specially needful in travelling from one place to another in a partnership arrangement and it would be of untold value.

With reference to clause (f) I am not discussing the terms on which a tractor may be purchased, it being taken for granted it is understood that the tractor companies do not sell to parties as joint purchasers in the strict sense of the word. The usual method is for one party to purchase the machine and hand over his security, being backed up himself by the security that the other partner gives him personally. The companies will accept his name, of course, but in this case each party has to give security in full, so that looking at it from the farmer's standpoint there is security lying idle. The advantage gained from a joint ownership is that the expense of running the outfit does not all fall on one pair of shoulders, and this is noticed more particularly at threshing time when two can share the expense of wages, etc.

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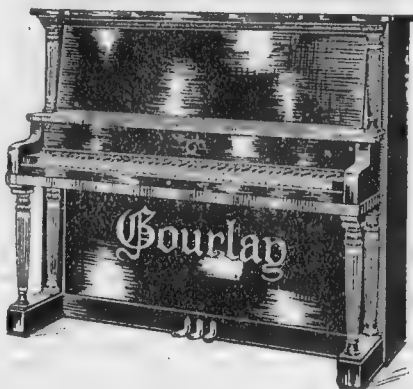
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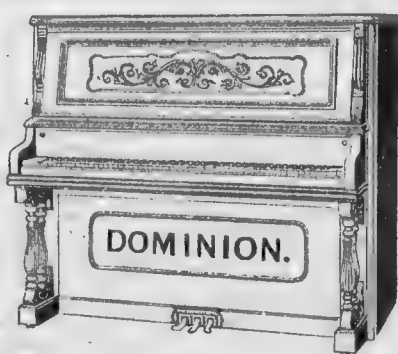
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and also on account of its being located with respect both to the French and German settlements of that district. The course has been carefully arranged and should prove a great success. It will include lectures and demonstrations on the management of cheese factories, practical work in cheesemaking, care of milk on farm for cheese factory purposes, the making of pure cultures for cheese-

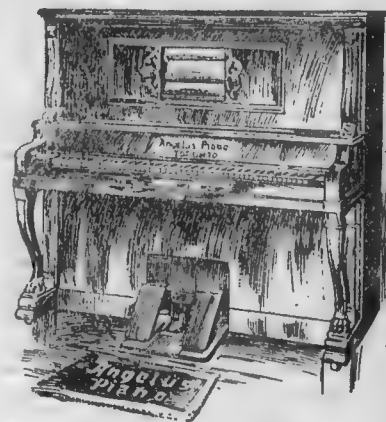
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RE SIR EDMUND'S ADVICE

Editor, Guide:—According to a newspaper report there was an annual meeting of the Bank of Commerce on January 10 last; the profits for the year were 18.38 per cent. on paid-up capital. The president in his address, among other things, said that the exports of the Dominion during the last fiscal year were \$301,358,000, while the imports were \$391,803,000, leaving a balance of trade against us of \$90,445,000, and then proceeds as usual to hand out advice to the farmers thus: "We know that in almost all parts of Canada the majority of farmers produce very much less per acre than would be possible with greater effort and with the necessary labor available." Then he prates about our "duties to the state," "that the overwhelming bulk of our people share in our prosperity which is the result of our combined effort to make profitable the natural resources of Canada; and that it is regrettable (I suppose he was thinking of the farmers' delegation to Ottawa in December) that instead of throwing our hats in the air (those that have them) and congratulating ourselves on our prosperity, we agitate merely that we may still further profit as individuals." Now it will be evident to all who have read the address that all that bothers him is that the banks, railways, mergers, corporations, etc., flourish and pay large dividends, and the individuals toil and toil and skimp that these dividends may not shrink. He talks of our duties to the state as if the state was some abstract being different from the individuals that compose it, or perhaps, which is most likely, he means by the state himself and the other big capitalists of modern feudalism and that the rest of us were only born for their advantage and to be exploited by them. He knows, or he ought to know, that if we get more for what we do export and pay less for those articles which we import, the balance in trade of \$90,000,000 against us would be reduced or even turned in our favor. He, however, avoids hinting at that and only tells us we should work harder and produce more. He is not concerned whether we receive value for what we produce or not, but is quite satisfied with things as they now are, knowing full well the unlawful privileges which he and others have obtained through collusion of a Conservative government first and the incompetence of a Liberal one afterwards. He regrets that the balance in trade is against us, but forgets to tell us that the exorbitant profits with which the corporations burden us nearly all are exported to foreign shareholders or are carried by Canadians to Brazil or Mexico to exploit the natives. He should think of the heavy loads with which the individuals of the West are burdened when the O.P.R. obtained from the crown these favors among others: "The Canadian Pacific Railway, and all stations and station grounds, workshops, buildings, yards and other property, rolling stock and appurtenances required and used for the construction and working thereof, and the capital stock of the company, shall be forever free from taxation by the Dominion, or by any province hereinafter established, or by any municipal corporation therein; and the lands of the company (25,000,000 acres) in the Northwest Territories, until they are either sold or

occupied, shall also be free from such taxation for twenty years after the grant thereof from the crown."

The O.P.R. was not content with obtaining an exemption for 20 years from the date their grant was earned (which was manifestly the intention of the parliament that gave them the grant), but by the aid of corporation lawyers and the subservency of the government have so managed that though the grant was all earned in 1885, they will be practically exempt till 1923—38 years instead of 20. As soon as the people awake to the enormity of this injustice they will arise and demand its repeal, because common sense teaches all men that the exemption from taxes forever is beyond the power of a party delegated with power for a few years, and the extension of time from 20 to 38 years is simply the juggling of interested lawyers. We badly want the Initiative and the Referendum.

P. McKENNA.

Copeville, Alta.

THE FRUIT INTERESTS

Editor, Guide:—It would look more reasonable if the real estate and fruit men of British Columbia would spend their money and energies in the production of fruit instead of booming the prices of fruit lands so high that the fruit cannot be put on the market at a fair price, and trying to show what big prices the newcomer is justified in paying for fruit lands. Of course the second party either has to sell at a profit and fool someone else or get a big price for the fruit raised on such high priced land. But little of the land is in use, for only fifteen per cent. of the fruit used in Alberta last year could be obtained in B.C. at a price at which it could be profitably handled. It looks to the consumer of B.C. fruit who lives on the prairie that it would be about as reasonable to put down the price of fruit land as it would be to put up the tariff to make the fruit business pay in B.C. The organized farmers of Alberta have been trying to promote a growth as well as a more convenient and economical exchange of natural products between British Columbia and Alberta, and have spent no small part of the scanty supply of funds at their disposal to this end, besides a great deal of the time and energy of the leading men in their association. In 1908 the provincial government was induced by them to send a representative of the Alberta farmers into British Columbia to investigate conditions with a view to enlarging the trade between these two provinces. This commissioner found most of the B.C. people and a large proportion of the business interests anxious to assist in every possible way along such lines of development. Where the efforts were most conspicuous by their absence was among the real estate, lumbermen and fruit growers. Their first and last howl was, help us raise the tariff and we will then help in every way possible to enlarge our business with Alberta. At the same time both fruit and lumber were practically out of reach of would-be consumers. However, they obtained no promises to such blind and selfish requests, the farmers well knowing such a move would only make bad conditions worse. They therefore persisted in their efforts in season and out of season until in 1908 there had been considerable interest stirred up in both

provinces which resulted in the calling of a convention of farmers and the business interests of the two provinces. It met in Calgary and accomplished a great deal of good work, some of the results of which are now apparent. The writer has failed to learn of any startling efforts being put forth by any of the above mentioned interests. He does know, however, when the 1910 Traders' Development convention was called and met in Vancouver that the fruit men especially were about the scarcest article there. I will say further that while the prairie people are paying five cents a piece for good apples instead of getting two for five cents, they will not desire very strongly to hold up the price by a tariff to suit the speculators and fruit men. Let them meet the consumers of fruit and get at the matter in a reasonable way, and there is a way if they go the right way about it without using the tariff prop.

D. W. WARNER.

Edmonton, Alta.

AGREES WITH GUIDE

Editor, Guide:—In your issue of March 22 you comment on Mr. C. A. McGrath's Stratford speech, and characterize his conduct on the reciprocity agreement as the "disfranchisement of Medicine Hat constituency." I heartily agree with your conclusions. My Liberal friends here call me a Tory, so you can see that it isn't partyism that makes me disagree with Mr. McGrath. Our U.F.A. union here, 60 strong, voted to a man in favor of a resolution endorsing the reciprocity pact, and forwarded a copy to Mr. McGrath, and there is no doubt that the vast majority of the farmers of Alberta are in favor of the pact, but want free implements as well. Keep up the good work you are so ably doing, and in the not too distant future we will see the kingdom of Special Privilege and monopoly lying in the dust, and like the skunk that tried to stop the train, there won't be anything left but the stink they kicked up.

JAS. DARRAUGH.
Bowell, Alta.

HOMESTEADS FOR WOMEN

Editor, Guide:—The Grain Growers' Guide, according to its front page, stands for equity, and surely it is a worthy motto, a lofty ideal, well worth a man's, or an association's very best efforts. Since coming home from the convention at Brandon I have been considering the questions that were brought forward, and there is a small question I would like to put frankly before The Guide readers. Is it just that the single women of Canada should be debarred from homesteading as they are at the present time? I understand that only widows who are the heads of families are allowed to locate as homesteaders at present; but why should not all single women, young or old, have the privilege as they have in Uncle Sam's domain? Consider, aye, Guide readers, look at the matter from the woman's point of view and be just. In every Canadian city there are hundreds of bright intelligent girls and women who are earning their living as stenographers, clerks and teachers, who would only be too glad to avail themselves of the privilege of homesteading in the West. These women are surely more valuable citizens than the drinking, swearing, carousing, cigarette-smoking young fellows who loaf about bar-rooms, and yet the latter have votes and homesteads, and the former have neither. In the Eastern Provinces young men are scarce and girls plentiful. In the West the case is reversed and there are probably five men to one girl in many of the frontier settlements. Now, if a girl could take up a quarter section alongside of her brothers there would be a good many more in the West, and the brother and the chap off the next farm would be a good deal happier and I think more prosperous men. If the farmers' wives, sisters and daughters, who want homesteads for women, will express their views in The Guide it will keep the ball rolling.

Pettapiece, Man. W. F. GRAHAM.

RECIPROCITY GREATLY NEEDED

Editor, Guide:—I have been reading your paper, The Guide, for a little while now, and think it is a very interesting paper, and no farmer should be without The Guide. I have also been reading your letters about reciprocity

and also other people's views on it, and noticed that it is only the manufacturers and big interests that are against reciprocity, and I certainly think that it is the best thing that can happen the farmers of this country to get reciprocity ratified as soon as possible, for it will mean a sample market for the farmers in Winnipeg, which will certainly enable us to get better prices for our grain and stock as well. For it will then be in open competition with any country that wants to buy our grain and stock. One more thing I would like to see go through is the Hudson's Bay Railway, and I think that if the farmers all combine and stay together they can get nearly anything they want. I certainly think that they will be able to reduce the tariff on farming implements, which is greatly needed.

A. H. DETMOLD.

Duck Mountain, Man.

RECALL A NECESSARY REFORM

Editor, Guide:—At the last convention held by the United Farmers of Alberta every candidate for office had to pledge himself in favor of the Initiative, Referendum and Recall. As we go along events will show the importance of these reforms. As stated in The Guide of March 22 the electors of the Medicine Hat district have been disfranchised, so to speak, as its representative, C. A. McGrath, M.P., has declared that he will vote against the reciprocity treaty and thus directly oppose the wishes of the majority of his constituents. I will add to this that the Queenstown Union farmers living in the Medicine Hat district passed a unanimous resolution in favor of the reciprocity agreement and sent same to C. A. McGrath asking him to support it. McGrath returned the answer that "as he did not believe in it he would oppose it." Now whether McGrath has been influenced by the manufacturers or whether it is his honest belief, makes little difference. It shows a wrong state of affairs; shows that under our present political system the men elected do not consider themselves servants of the people who elected them, but their masters. The great majority of the voters of the Medicine Hat district are farmers, and those farmers want to see the reciprocity treaty passed because it is to their economic interests, but the one man, McGrath, misrepresenting them, rises up at Ottawa and says: "No, I don't believe in it and therefore you shall not have it." Now then, if we had the Recall in operation McGrath would have had to sign an agreement before he took office to the effect that any time he opposed the wishes and interests of his constituents he could be recalled. That would put him where he belonged—the servant and not the master.

JOHN GLAMBECK.

INDEPENDENT PARTY IMPERATIVE

Editor, Guide:—I should like to say a few words in reply to Mr. Kennedy's letter in your issue of March 29. Instead of forming an Independent Farmers' party, Mr. Kennedy strongly advocates continued support of the old parties, but advises farmers to flock to the party conventions and pledge the candidates in black and white. But if you elect a party candidate, the moment he fails to support his party on a serious question he becomes an independent anyway. Besides, we want as representatives farmers, men from our own ranks, not professional or business men from the towns; and farmers cannot absolutely depend upon controlling the party conventions to the extent of selecting their own candidates. Mr. Kennedy makes much of the financial difficulty. The present parties are financed by the wealthy interests who are opposed to the farmers, and they will not finance a party which is not loyal to them. Always the man who pays the piper calls the time. With organization and education going hand in hand through each constituency the cost of a farmers party need be very small. Every other farmer will be a supporter and canvasser. In any event, the farmers, to achieve their ends, must be prepared to make some sacrifices—they cannot expect absolutely "to create a new earth at a birth without labor or sorrow." Through an independent party we can concentrate the farmers' votes—Conservatives and Liberals alike are working enthusiastically for it here.

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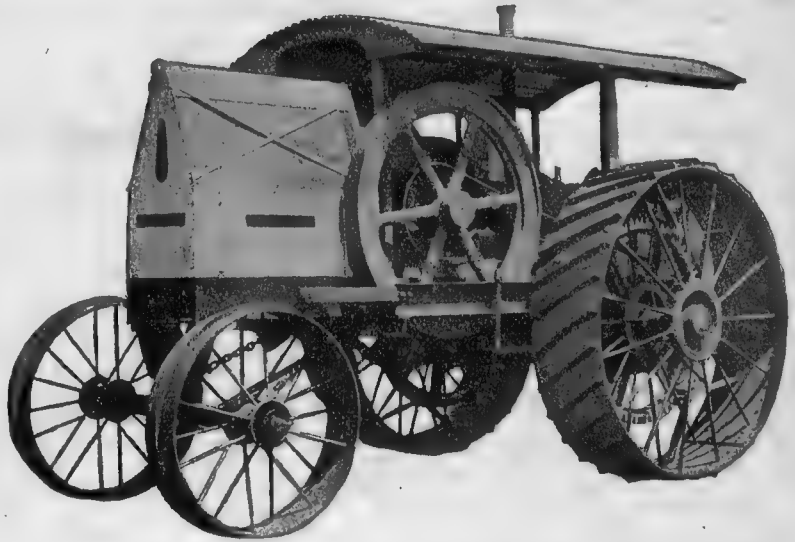
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The hope of the "Interests" lies in keeping us divided. Of the demands made by the farmers at Ottawa last December, part has been espoused by the Liberals, part by the Conservatives. Who shall say that the object of this is not to give each of us justification for adhering to our old party and so remaining divided? The psychological moment for an independent party is now—before our large body of new voters form those party affiliations which are such a bar to our progress and so difficult to break. There is also a very good prospect of the two parties being pretty evenly matched in the next parliament—then a small farmers' party would be supreme.

CHARLES WILSON.

Dana, Sask.

SUBSCRIBE FOR THE WITNESS

Editor, Guide:—I wish with your permission to speak a good word for the Montreal Witness. It is a paper which I think every farmer who has his own and his country's interest at heart should read. For fifty years it has with unwavering fidelity to principle been a "Beacon Light" among the journals of Canada, the vast majority of which have been simply the prejudiced mouthpiece of party and of Special Privilege. During all this time I do not think the Witness has stooped to make a low, mean or untrue statement or insinuation about anyone. Whether popular or otherwise it has never failed to support any cause which it deemed right, and its instinct in discovering and exposing any scheme or question that does not measure up to its own standard of probity seems to be almost unerring.

W. E. EDWARDS.

Arlington Beach, Sask.

WANTS FREE TRADE

Editor, Guide:—From Dauphin to Edmonton or Prince Albert there is not one-third of the land under cultivation. Now, when all the land in this country is under cultivation it will take the C. P. R., the G. T. P. and the Hudson's Bay Road all they can do. And if the Hudson's Bay Road is built I expect to see the

wheat from Minnesota and Dakota go through that way to Liverpool, which is the leading market of the world, so we would get a lot of trade from the Western States. Now, Mr. Editor, we have got to get free trade or cheaper implements, because people coming in from the United States bring their implements with them. My neighbor here brought a 14 inch gang plow which he bought in Dakota for \$65. That was last year. This year his brother came over and bought a new one but worked it a week so he would have no duty to pay. Another neighbor got a plow the same size for \$90 so he says we got to have free trade. Now, Mr. Editor, as an old man now twenty-six years in this country the farmers have not been used right, and all the farmers here want free trade or cheaper implements.

DAUPHIN FARMER.

THE COST OF THE TARIFF

Editor, Guide:—Here is a list of my 1910 purchases, all Canadian manufactured:

	Cost	Duty
One 8 ft. binder	\$175.00	\$19.25
One 22 disc drill	150.00	11.20
Harrow	30.00	3.40
Mower	60.00	7.00
Rake	36.00	3.45
Disc harrow	46.00	6.00
Fanning mill	45.00	6.25
Wagon	65.00	10.00
Harness	58.00	10.00
5 tons of coal	50.00	2.65

\$715.00 \$79.40

Besides five horses which I am positive could be bought for from \$50 to \$75 apiece cheaper across the line. I am leaving you to figure out what the tariff cost me.

Now, sir, if I am really patriotic where should I put this tariff boodle if not in the national treasury and thus build up a great, strong and rich nation instead of a great strong manufacturers' association? I expect to bring 400 acres under cultivation with the aforesaid implements, and in view of my sacrifices to the Dominion treasury, I am writing to our M.P. to try and arrange legislation so that when I bring 200 acres under cultivation I will be entitled to drawback of 95 per cent.

CANADIAN PATRIOT.

HATCHING SOMETHING

Editor, Guide:—I am glad to see so many good letters in the Mail Bag. I notice in the issue March 22, page 14 about hatching. Well we often hear the remark made that Parliament is always sitting but they never hatch anything. But I think we can safely say they are hatching something this time. I think it looks in a fair way for hatching reciprocity in natural products. But it should not stop at that. We as farmers want machinery on the free list. Let them put everything on the free list and we are ready to pay direct taxes. At least I am for one, as a farmer. These manufacturers and financial men are all the time telling or writing about the farmers should be content. I suppose that would suit their pockets. We come to Canada thinking that we should be free men, but if these gentlemen have their way we shall soon be worse than Russian serfs. We do not want any privileges beyond our fellow-men but we want a square deal all round. This protection breeds nothing but corruption and discontent.

JAMES HARDWICK

Nesbitt, Man.

NATIONALIZE EXPRESS COMPANIES

Editor, Guide:—The farmers of Canada are at last getting together to get a square deal and it appears that they should now demand that the express companies of Canada should be nationalized. With all Hon. Geo. P. Graham's ability at digging up imaginary reasons why the government ownership won't pay, if these monsters of monopoly, the express companies, were taken over by the public, they would pay handsomely even though the excessive express rates were cut in half and the paltry pay of express employees were doubled. An old express employee who was a slave for thirty years to these monsters of greed and grind says that it would be a handsome source of revenue for the country, that it would cost but a small amount for the entire equipment of all the companies doing business in Canada, and that it would furnish an excellent supplementary source of revenue for the country to offset any possible reduction in customs revenue as a result of free trade in agri-

cultural implements and other necessities required by farmers.

AUGUST SHANTZ.

Saskatoon, Sask.

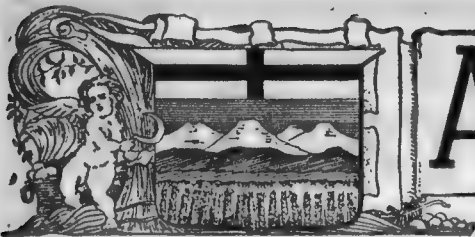
LET WELL ENOUGH ALONE

Editor, Guide:—You invite correspondence. I gladly avail myself of the favor. I have only been in Canada a few months and see your paper regularly, and request you will tell me if manufacturers pay nothing to the Dominion exchequer. As I read your paper the farmer pays the whole expense of running the country. I think your readers from the Old Country will agree with me, that the Canadian farmer does not know what taxation is. He pays no income tax, increment duty, stamps (except postage) seem almost unknown. Transfer of land costs a mere trifle, whereas in the Old Country the expense is enormous. Then again see how much is done for the farmer. Experimental farms, grading his crops, books on all subjects interesting to farmers; as I write, courses of lectures on agricultural subjects are being given in different places in the province. All these things must entail enormous expense, but is all free of cost to farmers. Before I left Scotland last spring I wrote to Ottawa requesting that a book about poultry might be sent to me. It came by return post, and with it books about horses, cattle, swine, etc., all beautifully printed and illustrated and not a cent had I to pay, the manufacturer derives no benefit from all the above, neither, of course, should he if the farmer pays all government expenses. One cannot open a Canadian newspaper without seeing an article showing the steady increase of prosperity and the bright prospects for the future. Would it not be prudent to let well alone and not take a leap in the dark by altering the tariff and offering to pay direct taxation. You follow (what I consider) the reprehensible teaching of Mr. Lloyd George, setting class against class—farmers and manufacturers—is this patriotic? Is this wise?

JOHN MACDONALD.

Mannville, Alta.

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COMPULSORY HAIL INSURANCE

At the last regular meeting of Strathmore Union, held on February 25, the following resolution was presented for consideration, and after discussion was adopted:

"Whereas droughts, excessive moisture, stock diseases and the like may be counteracted by irrigation, drainage and science, whilst hailstorms are totally beyond all human control. Whereas the resolution in the farmers convention at Calgary, 17th to 19th January this year, turning down compulsory hail insurance was perfectly unjustified owing to the fact that the resolution was rushed the last day without due consideration together with some 40 other resolutions. Whereas farmers who grow grain are the men to assume the risks of putting Alberta under cultivation, diversified farming based upon alfalfa, etc., being impossible before the raising of grain has put the soil into shape for mixed farming. Whereas it is perfectly unjust that speculators, who are making idle money on the rising value of lands due to work done by grain growers should not participate in the risk of hailstorms, and Whereas parties, who cannot pay a tax of not exceeding \$5.20 per quarter section to provide against losses owing to hailstorms, are not qualified to own land in Alberta, Therefore be it resolved that this farmers' union of Strathmore respectfully call upon the government of Alberta to introduce a bill at next session providing for the taxation of every section of land in Alberta to cover damage to crops by hail to the extent of six dollars per acre, the amount of such taxation to be determined yearly by the actual loss of the previous year so as to cover any deficit that may have occurred, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the government of Alberta and to the secretary of the United Farmers of Alberta and that likewise a copy be sent to all the farmers' unions throughout the whole of Alberta, requesting them to support this resolution and to notify the government of Alberta and the secretary of the United Farmers of Alberta of their support."

Strathmore, Alta.

M. EUGENE SLY, Secretary.

[Note. The mover of this resolution has forgotten to bring any statistics in support of his resolution. He takes it for granted that two cents per acre indemnity will cover all losses, and he makes no provision for the protection of the men who are not grain growers but who certainly cannot be called speculators, the mixed farmers of the province. If compulsory hail insurance against losses to grain crops is to be considered, then it would only seem fair that the same protection should be given to the farmer who is dependent upon his hay crop. These facts have not possibly been taken into consideration but are important ones which have been before the members at every convention. It must also be remembered that for the last year there has been before the members several hail insurance schemes, and therefore even if very little time was taken up in discussing the subject at the annual convention still it had received a great deal of consideration during the year. All sides of the case have to be considered and the facts in regard to hail insurance are not yet fully known. It is known, however, that the cost of the insurance over the area where the crops have been insured have during the past few years averaged approximately thirty cents per acre for a four dollar indemnity, and while it is admitted that possibly the insurance has only been carried in the districts which are most subject to hail, still this information will show that there is a lot to learn about hail insurance yet. This note is not given as a "knock" against the plan outlined above, but only to possibly draw out further information from members who have had experience from these lines. Would it not be possible for those who have had to do with hail in other countries to send the general secretary their views and the results obtained. By this means we may possibly be able to assist materially in this question and at the same time discover some way whereby the approximate ratio of damage resulting from hail can be ascertained.—E. J. F.]

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETS

A meeting of the executive committee of the U. F. A. was held at Red Deer on April 10, there being present Jas. Bower, president, Jas. Speakman, D. W. Warner and E. J. Fream, secretary. The matter of the association's action against the C. P. R. on the ground of discriminatory freight rates was taken up and the action taken in the matter by the president and secretary was found satisfactory. The president reported that the Manitoba

and Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Associations had decided to make a complaint to the railway commission on the matter of the railway companies supplying cars of 40,000 capacity, and the secretary received instructions to enter a similar complaint on behalf of Alberta, also to protest against the raising of the present minimum car weight capacity. The secretary was instructed to prepare a circular and issue same to the Boards of Trade, requesting their support of this application. The president gave a report on the proposed amendments to the Railway Act and a change in one clause was suggested. A resolution was unanimously adopted thanking the president for the excellent work he has done for the association in this respect. The president gave a report of the conference with the Grain Exchange at Winnipeg on the proposed changes to the Manitoba Grain Act. A request from a new German monthly to be adopted as the official organ of the U. F. A. was not considered, as the present official organ is giving every satisfaction. The secretary received instructions to give Mr. Tregillus, the vice-president, a letter of credentials to assist him in his investigations in Europe and to wish him a very successful and pleasant journey. The president explained what work had been done in regard to the chilled meat scheme, and the secretary received instructions to send a copy of the scheme drafted by Mr. Bower to the chairman of the Edmonton committee and to arrange for a meeting with that committee. The action of the pork packing committee in sending out a special circular dealing with the work of the association was endorsed. The secretary reported on several matters which are now under consideration and received instructions for carrying them to a successful conclusion.

After further discussion along the lines of future work for the association, details of which are not yet completed, the meeting adjourned.

EDWARD J. FREAM, Sec'y.

TAX UNOCCUPIED LANDS

East Clover Bar Union had a visit from W. J. Tregillus on March 23. It had been expected that Mr. Fream would accompany the vice-president, but to the great regret of the farmers, circumstances prevented this. A musical program of some excellence had been arranged and after a portion of this was gone through, President Hill called upon Mr. Tregillus, who delivered an eloquent and most interesting address which held the attention of the audience throughout. Rice Sheppard, of Strathcona, and R. Bryans, of Agricola, also spoke. The regular monthly meeting of the union was held on March 27 and some important matters were discussed. A suggestion of the Edmonton local for co-operative marketing by all the unions in the vicinity was endorsed and the president and secretary were named as delegates to attend any conference which may be called to deal with the subject. A resolution adopted at a recent meeting of ratepayers in connection with road matters, in favor of doubling the taxes on unoccupied or unutilized lands, was endorsed; an amendment providing that unoccupied lands owned by residents of the municipality in which they are situated should be exempt from the surtax being defeated.

It was resolved to ask the provincial government to endeavor to have a traffic deck placed upon the G. T. P. bridge over the Saskatchewan River at Clover Bar. The secretary was instructed to write to the local representative at Ottawa and request him to support the reciprocity bill, a telegram having already been sent to Mr. Fielding, expressing the unions approval of that measure and urging that it be passed into law.

W. J. JACKMAN, Sec'y.
East Clover Bar, Alta.

CLOVER BAR BUSY

At the last regular meeting of Clover Bar Union there were not many members present, but a large amount of business was transacted. The meeting heartily endorsed the action of the council of the

City of Edmonton and the Board of Trade of that city on the steps they had taken towards the establishment of a union stock yard controlled by the municipality. A telegram was sent to the Hon. W. S. Fielding expressing our sympathy with and our support of the reciprocity agreement. Formalin and bluestone were also matters which came up for consideration, and after quotations had been given the matter was laid over for settlement at the next meeting. We now have a membership of twenty-six, one new member being added at this meeting.

W. F. WILKINSON, Sec'y.
Clover Bar, Alta.

MORE JOIN THE FOLD

Csar local union held their first meeting at Csar on March 24, having temporarily organized on March 17. The roll call showed twenty-two members and the first business was the election of officers, which resulted as follows:—President, George Johnstone; vice-president, G. S. Roberts; secretary, R. A. Beck; treasurer, S. J. Seth. It was decided that regular meetings of the union should be held on the second and fourth Fridays of each month. A vote was taken on the reciprocity question, with the result that the majority was in favor of same and word to that effect was sent to the minister of finance at Ottawa.

Csar, Alta.

R. A. BECK, Sec'y.

C.P.R. TAX CASE

At the last regular meeting of Blackfoot Union the matter of the recent decision of the privy council in favor of the C.P.R. came in for considerable discussion and a resolution was unanimously adopted suggesting that the province should ask the Dominion government for a grant to take the place of the loss in revenue on account of the C.P.R. not being taxable as yet. Our vice-president, Mr. Plater, read a paper on the advantages of shipping grain direct, and the facts given proved conclusively that it is the only way of getting real value for our product.

Blackfoot, Alta.

JAS. STONE, Sec'y.

GOOD BUSINESS TRANSACTED

At the last regular meeting of Aldersyde Union a deal was completed for the purchase of a carload of flour from a local milling firm. There was also a discussion on the formation of a beef ring and fourteen shares were subscribed for. A committee of three was then appointed to secure the balance of shares required before the ring could be formed. The secretary also received instructions to write several parties in regard to potatoes and fence posts.

Aldersyde, Alta.

E. H. WENGER, Sec'y.

KEEP RAILWAYS UP TO TIME

There were nineteen members present at the last meeting of Tepee Lake Union. The secretary received instructions to write the secretary of Rising Sun Union and request him to get a petition signed by the members of that local asking that the C.N.R. be kept up to their contract concerning the Lashburn and Camrose branch of that line. The secretary was further instructed to write to Edmonton and ascertain if the department is acting on our petition in regard to Local Improvement District. A strong resolution in favor of reciprocity was passed and a copy of same wired to Ottawa. The question of municipalities and scales at our local shipping point also came in for considerable discussion.

Earlie, Alta.

H. KING, Sec'y.

WAINWRIGHT ORGANIZED

A meeting of the farmers of Wainwright was held at Washburn and Mills Hall a short time ago for the purpose of organizing a local union of the U.F.A. There was a large attendance, nearly one-third of the audience having to remain standing. Guy W. Johnson addressed the meeting, pointing out some of the benefits to be derived from organization. At the close of the address some thirty-four members were quickly enrolled and the following telegram flashed to Ottawa: "Wainwright United Farmers of Alberta unanimously endorse reciprocity agreement." The nomination of officers resulted as follows:—President, Frank Rack; vice-president, H. Williams; secretary-treasurer, F. W. Aykroyd; directors, W. Fox, A. Martin, W. Stouffer, H. Limpert, J. Reid, A. McLean. The officers are starting out on a systematic campaign for membership and we hope to have at least 100 on our books within a month. We have written away for a supply of sample copies of The Guide and intend to get a large number of subscribers in this district.

Wainwright, Alta.

F. W. AYKROYD, Sec'y.

KEEPING HARD AT IT

There was a good attendance of members at the last regular meeting of Gleichen Union, when several matters of importance were taken up. The secretary was instructed to request the government to make several improvements on road allowances in the district. Instructions to the local weed inspector were then read and adopted. H. W. Lee agreed to accept the appointment with the understanding that he be allowed to work under the instructions as adopted and that the union should furnish him with a list of the names of farmers on whom he should serve such instructions and that the union should give him their undivided support in the enforcement of the laws. This was agreed to. A resolution was then adopted by unanimous vote, in which the reciprocity agreement now pending with the United States was approved in its entirety and the secretary was instructed to wire same to the Hon. W. S.

Fielding and urge him to get same enacted into law.

Gleichen, Alta. W. D. TREGO, Sec'y.

GOOD ADVERTISING PLAN

The regular meeting of Strathcona Union No. 1 took place on Saturday, March 25. We were honored with a visit from the vice-president, W. J. Tregillus, who addressed the meeting on the importance of agriculture, the conditions of the agriculturalist, the means to be adopted to improve conditions, pointing out that the chief reason the farmers are in partial bondage is ignorance, therefore education is needed and must be attained through co-operation and organization. The Guide should be in the hands of every farmer. He dwelt on the great benefit that will be derived from Direct Legislation, and that it is the duty of all to work for same. A hearty vote of thanks was given Mr. Tregillus for his address, which was much enjoyed by all present. The regular business was then taken up and the secretary explained the proposed new system of doing marketing in Edmonton through an office run by the farmers themselves. On motion this union decided to support Edmonton Union in the matter and go more fully into details at the next meeting. Secretary Sheppard introduced a matter he thought would be of value to the association as an advertisement and to keep before its members in all localities the dates of regular meetings. The suggestion is that the central obtain for next year a supply of association calendars and supply same to the local unions at cost, one for each member. He stated that a rubber stamp could also be supplied for a very small sum to mark the date of the local's regular meetings. This could be done by each local secretary before distributing the calendars. In this way each month an arrow will be pointing out the date of the meeting and the members will have no excuse for overlooking the date. On motion, the secretary was instructed to send this suggestion in to the central secretary with a request that it be acted on for next season. It was decided that no meeting should be held in April, but that the next meeting should be held the last Saturday in May; further, that a picnic be held in June and that all arrangements for same be made at the next meeting. A discussion took place as to how best to keep our members interested in the meetings. It was generally felt that more members of the family should attend and it is hoped that all farmers who can will bring along their wives and sons. A move will also be made in the fall to organize each school district as it is thought that more interest will then be taken in the work. It is hoped that our members will turn out in large numbers to the May meeting and that as many ladies as possible will be present.

Strathcona, Alta.

RICE SHEPPARD, Sec'y.

PROPERTY EXEMPT FROM SEIZURE

I don't know whether it will be trespassing on valuable time or not, but having heard the following subject brought up more than once, viz., "What property is exempt from seizure?" the thought struck me that it would be interesting for the unions of Alberta to know fully how they stand in regard to above.

The old law relating to the northwest was, I believe,

1. Necessary and ordinary clothing of debtor and family.
2. Furniture and household goods to value of \$500.00.
3. Necessary food for debtor's family for six months.
4. Two cows, two oxen and one horse; or three horses or mules, sixteen sheep, two pigs, besides animals kept for food purposes and food for same from November to April.
5. Harness for three animals, one wagon or two carts, one mower or cradle or scythe, one breaking plow, one cross plow, one set harrows, one horse rake, one sewing machine, one reaper.
6. Books of a professional man.
7. Tools and necessities used by debtor in his trade or profession.
8. Seeds, grain sufficient for all lands under cultivation, not exceeding eighty acres and fourteen bushels of potatoes.
9. The homestead of debtor up to 160 acres.
10. The house and buildings occupied by debtor and lot on which they are situated to the value of \$1,500.

"ONE AND ALL"

GOOD ORGANIZATION TRIP

Reporting on the results of an organization trip through the section of country adjacent to his home, Mr. J. Quinsey, director of the U.F.A., says that he arrived home on March 1, travelling twenty miles in a rig driven by J. Bain, of Sweet Valley, and the balance of the distance, thirty-one miles, on horseback. Leaving home on February 20, Mr. Quinsey rode to Mr. C. E. Ingram's, near Sundial, and held a meeting in the Sundial schoolhouse on February 22, with a very good attendance. Mr. Ingram drove Mr. Quinsey to Mr. Wilner's place the next morning, February 23, and that afternoon a meeting was held in the Lone Star schoolhouse with an attendance of twenty-two. Every farmer present joined the U.F.A. and all are very enthusiastic. Mr. Wilner drove Mr. Quinsey over to the Sunny Hill district on February 25, but this meeting was not properly advertised so arrangements were made with Messrs. Caspar and Sutton to organize in that district. The result should be another active local at an early date. Mr. Quinsey was driven

the next day, by Mr. Wilner, to the Rolling Green district, northwest of Taber. A storm was blowing that afternoon and the number in attendance was not what was anticipated, but a union was organized and officers were elected to carry on the work. On Saturday Mr. Quinsey was at Ellemere and here the people turned out in great style. A new schoolhouse has been built and there is every prospect of the local at Ellemere being a hummer right from the start. Mr. Quinsey was then taken to Sweet Valley and spent Sunday with J. Bain and at Mr. Shirley's. Monday he was at H. Duffy's, in the Brunetta country, and there made arrangements for a series of meetings which will cover this district with local unions at an early date.

RECORD OF PROGRESS

Clareholm Five-Mile Union started the year 1911 with a membership of 178 and this has now been increased to 196 members. The first meeting of the year was held on January 7, when there was a good attendance, the main business being to receive the report of the Ottawa delegate. The Five Mile union has many things to be thankful for during the past year, such as increased membership and co-operation in buying flour, grain and hay, and coal, which has enabled the members to save about 20 to 25 per cent. on the purchase price of the above mentioned goods. Then the union has completed arrangements with a local lumber company whereby all members can secure their coal from that company at a rate about 12 per cent. cheaper than they formerly had to pay. There is considerable talk now of building and maintaining a co-operative store in Clareholm this fall, this store to handle everything in the line of a general store. It is proposed to make it a joint stock concern and the members will do their trading there. On February 14 the union held a literary program and dance in Clareholm. The object of this was purely social and a small charge, sufficient to cover expenses, was made. It was the intention of the committee to get all the members and their families out at this meeting and get them acquainted, thereby creating an interest in each other and in the union's cause. While all the members did not respond, there was a goodly number present and all enjoyed themselves and benefitted by the outing and by the mere fact of becoming better acquainted with the aims and objects of the union which was demonstrated in a paper read by Mr. Malchow. The entertainment was a success financially for after paying all expenses there was \$25.87 left over for the treasury. At our meeting on February 18 it was urged that we have more literary work in connection with the meetings and a committee was appointed to draw up and present at our next meeting a plan of more effective organization. Two cars of coal arrived and were taken out by members at \$5.25 per ton. The subject of Direct Legislation was the theme for discussion at our last meeting, many members taking part in the debate.

H. G. AHERN, Sec'y.

Clareholm, Alta.

BUSINESS EXTENDING

The regular monthly meeting of Cowley Union was held on February 25. A large number of members, despite the heavy travelling, put in an appearance and took an active interest in the proceedings. The committee appointed to enquire about binder twine for the union reported that there seemed to be great difficulty in getting quotations; that the companies had not yet settled their prices and were apparently waiting for someone to make a price. The matter was laid over. As the Local Improvement Council were likely to get gopher poison for the district, the committee on that matter reported they thought it better to lay this question over till the next meeting. The president started that he had a letter from John Herron, M.P., asking if the farmers of this district had expressed an opinion on the reciprocity pact now before the House. In response, it was moved, seconded and carried: "That this union is in favor of the reciprocity treaty being adopted."

A member reported that the cattle guards on the railway crossings here were all taken up owing to the snow, no doubt, but he asked if the C.P.R. was allowed to take them up and leave no protection whatever. A member reported two stray animals in his district and the description of same has been forwarded for insertion in the regular circular.

J. KEMMIS, Sec'y.

Cowley, Alta.

HAWKEYE ORGANIZED

One of the latest unions being organized in the vicinity of Carstairs has taken the name of Hawkeye. The work was undertaken by E. M. Robinson, and at the organization meeting twelve members were secured and several have joined since then. The first officers elected are:—President, T. H. Budd, Carstairs; secretary-treasurer, A. S. Gough, Carstairs.

FARMERS' ELEVATOR CONSIDERED

At the last regular meeting of Loughed Union the question of a farmer-owned elevator was under discussion. The project was dropped last year for want of support. Two elevators have been erected in Loughed to handle last season's crop, but to use them is to sacrifice up to eight cents per bushel, and most people who have been able to do so have loaded over the platform. This has strengthened the desire for a farmers' elevator and it looks as if the project could be carried out now. We would be pleased to hear from farmers' elevator companies already in operation as to the best plan of procedure as we would like to be guided by their experience in the formation of a new enterprise.

A. B. GRIEVE, Sec'y.

Loughed, Alta.

SUCCESSFUL BANQUET

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M. EUGENE SLY, Sec'y.

Strathmore, Alta.

FRENCH LITERATURE NECESSARY

At the last meeting of Lac St. Vincent Union, both the president and vice-president were absent, so the chair was taken by Leopold Poirier. It was decided to appoint Mr. C. Farmer a director and our retiring president, Mr. John B. Green, was appointed honorary president. Six new members joined at this meeting. A suggestion to assist

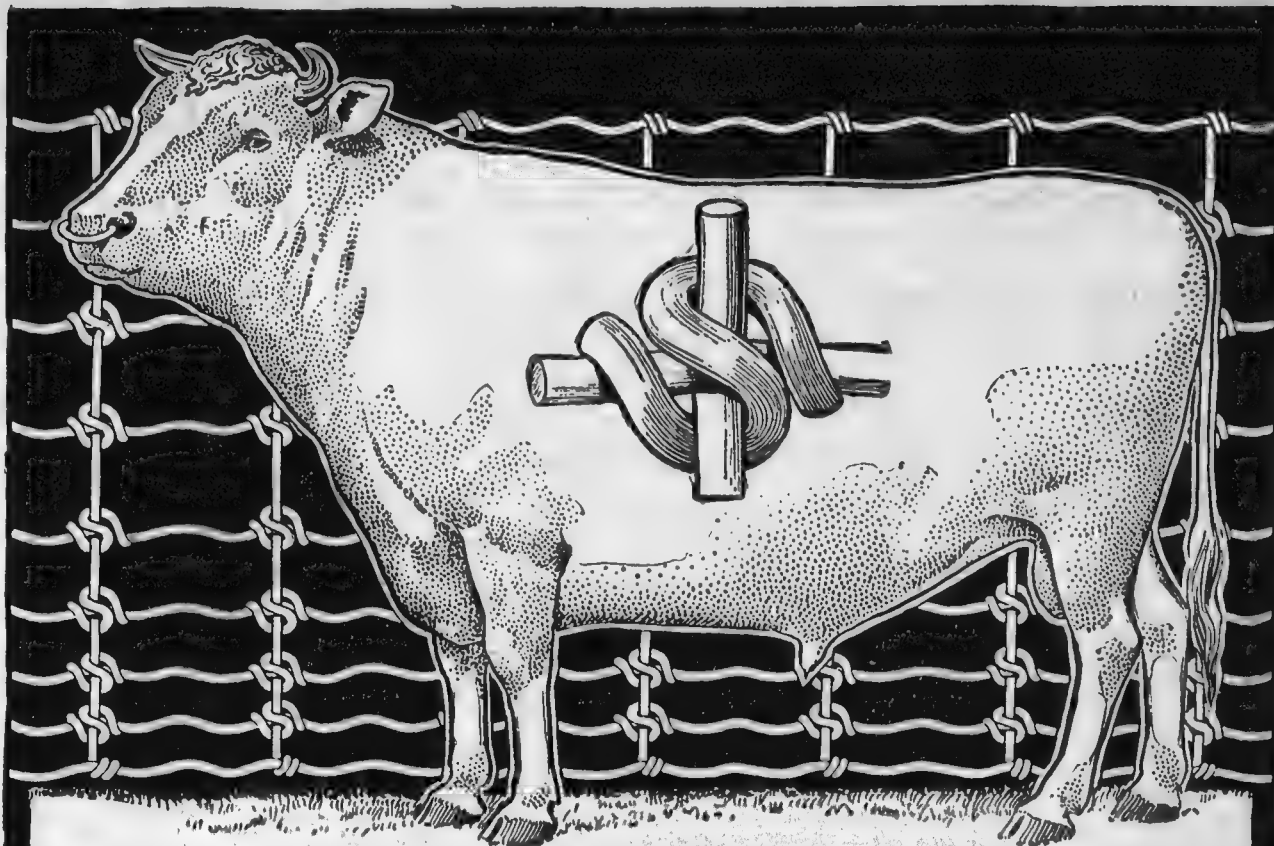
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RAISING MULES

Editor, Guide:—Having noticed in your most valuable paper a subscriber wishing some information regarding the raising of mules, through your veterinary column, and seeing his questions answered, may I be allowed to say a few words on the subject; that is to say, provided you can allow me the space to say it in? In the first place, I am afraid I will have to differ with your veterinary in opinion as regards the mule foal being harder to raise than the horse foal. For the past seven or eight years I have generally raised five or six mule colts and two or three horse colts and in my honest opinion there never was the slightest difference in the mares at the end of the season. In fact, I may say candidly that the mares that raised the mule colts looked, if anything, fresher than the ones that raised the horse colts. Now as regards the idea that it is easier to raise two horse colts than it is to raise a mule colt every other year, all I can say is that it is absurd—and I am talking from personal experience. In my barn, in the meantime, I have four or five mares which have raised mule colts every year for that time without missing one year. Except for being a little older, I consider them now to be just as good as the day I bought them, and I know they look as good, if not better. These same mares will average in weight from 1,050 to 1,250 pounds and always throw a good type of mule of the short blocky order—a type I find most suitable for all farm work. Personally, I think a great deal more depends on the size of the jack than that of the mare. I have seen a pony mare of 14 hands high throw a mule colt which was 15 hands 2 inches high as a three-year-old. I may state that these same mares do their share of the ordinary farm work during the course of a season. They may have a month or two between seeding and harvest, but for the rest of the time do the same amount of work as the others. If your correspondent should see this and want a few more particulars, just write to me and I shall be happy to give him all the information he requires, if it is in my power to do so.

JAMES L. BROOKS.

Plum Coulee, Man.

NEW EXPERIMENTAL FARM DIRECTOR

Dr. William Saunders, who has so ably and efficiently filled the position as director of the Dominion experimental

farms branch of the Federal department of agriculture for many years, has retired from the directorship. His place has been taken by J. H. Grisdale, Dominion agriculturist.

Mr. Grisdale, son of Albert B. Grisdale, was born on a farm at St. Marthe, Que., near the border of Russell Co., Ont., Feb. 18, 1870. He was educated at Vankleek Hill school; Albert college, Belleville; Toronto university; Ontario agricultural college, where he won a gold medal and first class honors; and at the Iowa agricultural college, where he was also an honor man. In various ways he earned his own education. At the Trans-Mississippi exhibition in 1898 he won a \$125 prize in stock judging, and early in 1899 he was appointed agriculturist and live stock husbandry man of the Central Experimental farm, Ottawa. Last year he was appointed Dominion agriculturist. His twelve years of service has demonstrated his capacity for larger service and greater responsibility. He embodies a rare combination of agricultural scholarship and ability to translate his knowledge into results. With the work of the central and provincial branch farms he is thoroughly acquainted and no man in the Canadian agricultural public service is more closely in touch with actual farm conditions, nor has a clearer discernment of the needs of Canadian farming. The farmers and stockmen of the Dominion will heartily approve this appointment.

PROVINCIAL PLOWING MATCH

Arrangements have been made to hold the provincial plowing competition at Carroll, Man., June 15, 1911. This match includes the contest for the championship cup donated by Sir Daniel McMillan, lieutenant-governor for the province. Entries are accepted from members of any agricultural society or farmers' institute holding an annual plowing match, and must be signed by the secretary and the president of the local organization, and be in the hands of the secretary, Fred H. Carroll, of Carroll, at least one week before the date of the contest.

CROP BULLETIN

Ottawa, Ont., April 13.—The census and statistics office issued today a bulletin on crops and live stock. The reports of correspondents show that out of a yield of 149,989,600 bushels of wheat harvested last year 141,096,000 bushels, or 94 per cent. were merchantable, and that at the end of March 33,942,000 bushels, or 22 per cent. of the whole, were yet in the farmers' hands. The quantity held by the farmers in the Maritime Provinces at that date was 468,000 bushels, in Quebec 477,000 bushels; in Ontario, 5,002,000 bushels; and in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta 27,095,000 bushels.

At the same date last year the quality in hand in all Canada was 30,484,000 bushels, or 18.28 per cent. of the total crop of 166,744,000 bushels, of which 159,868,000, or 95.87 per cent. was of merchantable quality.

Oats, which last year gave a yield of 323,449,000 bushels, was merchantable to the extent of 301,773,000 bushels, or 93.29 per cent., and the quantity on hand at the end of March was 127,587,000 bushels, or 39.44 per cent. In the Maritime Provinces there was on hand at that date 6,985,000 bushels; in Quebec, 17,447,000 bushels; in Ontario, 50,742,000 bushels; and in the Northwest Provinces exclusive of British Columbia, 52,413,000. In the preceding year the quantity in hand out of the harvest of 353,466,000 bushels was 141,499,000 bushels, or 40.03 per cent., and there was a total of 321,190,000 bushels or 96 per cent. of merchantable oats.

The barley yield of 1910 was 45,147,000 bushels, and of this quantity there was in hand at the end of March 13,135,000 bushels, or 29 per cent. The merchantable yield was 41,505,000 bushels or 91.93 per cent. The barley crop of 1909 was 55,398,000 bushels, and the quantity on hand at the end of March last year was 16,517,000 bushels, or 29.81 per cent. The merchantable quantity of that crop was 51,499,000 bushels, or 92.87 per cent. The Ontario crop last year was 20,727,000 bushels and that of the three Northwest Provinces 21,377,000 bushels.

The merchantable yield of corn last year was 83.63 per cent. of the whole crop; of buckwheat, 88.66 per cent.; of potatoes, 77.31; of turnips and other roots, 88.31 per cent.; and of hay and clover 88.72 per cent., which is nearly the same as the percentages of the same



White Leghorn Cock from Pen that Won First for W. J. Heaslip at Brandon, 1911

S.O.W. LEGHORNS—PRIZE-WINNERS, 12 entries at Brandon Provincial Winter 1911, winning 18 prizes, including 4 firsts, 4 specials and special for best pen in the Mediterranean class. Eggs from this pen \$3.00 for 15. Pen No. 2, headed by a prize cockerel and exhibition hens and pullets, \$2.00 for 15 eggs. Also good quality eggs, \$1.00 per 15. I have won more prizes in the past three years than any S.O.W. Leghorn breeder in Manitoba or Saskatchewan.—W. J. Heaslip, Glenboro, Man.

crops in the previous year. The quantities of these crops on hand at the end of March were nearly the same in both years except that the supply of potatoes this year is 20,000,000 bushels less, and the supply of hay and clover 2,494,000 tons more.

The per cent. condition of live stock on farms and ranges is nearly the same for both years but is a little higher for all classes this year. For the respective years 1911 and 1910, horses are 95.37 to 93.98; milch cows, 93.29 to 91.42; other cattle 90.87 to 89.30; sheep 93.77 to 92.43, and swine 94.36 to 92.77. These proportions are closely maintained throughout all the provinces. They denote a healthy condition of live stock in general.

JAPANESE IMMIGRATION

Washington, D.C., April 14.—Representative Baker, of California, today introduced a resolution calling on the president for all correspondence in possession of the president or secretary of state, and the secretary of war, relating to Japanese immigration to the United States and its possessions. The resolution also asks the president to inform congress what is being done by the executive department of the government to restrict the further immigration into this country of Japanese coolie labor. It provides that the president shall notify congress as to what he knows as to Japanese immigration into Canada and Mexico, and thence into the United States.

The president's correspondence with California and San Francisco authorities during the last few years is specifically called for.

NAVY FOR ARGENTINA

New York, April 14.—Rear-Admiral Onofre Bettbeter, formerly minister of marine for the Argentine republic, arrived here today from Europe to superintend the construction of two warship now building for his government at Camden, N.J., and Fore River, Mass. He will stay in this country until they are completed which will be in about eighteen months.

The Argentine republic has also on the way twelve torpedo boats, four in England, four in Germany and four in France. "We need a navy for police duty and defence in South America," said the Admiral, "but we expect no trouble with any European nation."

FORMER CHIEF JUSTICE DEAD

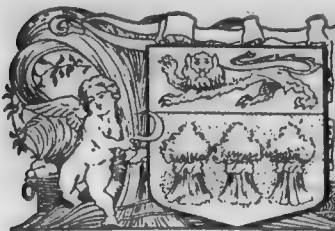
Ottawa, April 14.—Sir Henry Elzear Taschereau, former chief justice of the supreme court of Canada, died today at the age of seventy-five. He was appointed to the supreme court bench in 1878 and chief justice in 1902. He retired in 1906. He became a member of the imperial council in 1904. He was the author of several important legal works. His death followed a stroke of paralysis three weeks ago.

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ELEVATORS IN SASKATCHEWAN

The announcement published in the Leader on Saturday morning that the officers of the Grain Growers' Grain Company and the Saskatchewan Co-Operative Elevator Company had reached a basis of agreement by which both companies would work together to their mutual advantage, indicates that one of the last objections of opponents to the new Saskatchewan elevator scheme has been found to be without substantial foundation. While Saskatchewan's co-operative scheme is taking on definite form and sub-associations of the Grain Growers all over the province are taking steps to secure the formation of locals of the elevator company and the erection of elevators at their shipping points, the Manitoba government owned and operated system is also under way; official announcement has been made, however, that no more elevators will be built or purchased this year. In other words, only those points at which government elevators were established during the latter portion of last year will be operated this year. In Saskatchewan, on the other hand, the farmers have it entirely in their own hands to do as they please. If they are not satisfied with conditions at any point in the province they have been given a weapon to wield in their own defence. If they are satisfied all they need to do is, leave things as they are. As a preliminary step, two circulars have been sent out by the association central secretary in order to secure the views of Grain Growers. Scores of replies were received to the first one, endorsing the Co-operative Bill in principle. There were only four opposed to the proposition, two of these we publish (in part) as requested, one from Oxbow, clipped from the Oxbow Herald, where there is a farmers' elevator and trading company in operation which we wish every success. The other one comes from Fairlight and reads as follows: "This association unqualifiedly reject the elevator commission report and also the Elevator Bill." Carried unanimously.

I also quote from an accompanying letter signed by the secretary, Mr. C. W. Ayers (for The Guide) the following: "You will see we are standing pat on government ownership, the wind has failed to blow us over, money won't buy us. I think if you head men keep trying to shove such trash down the farmers' necks as you have been this winter that the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association will go bust, at least that is the feeling in our association here. You will find enclosed \$4.00 (four dollars) membership fees for eight more new members. This brings our membership up to forty-five."

The clipping from the Oxbow Herald follows:

"A general meeting of the Oxbow branch of the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association was held last Saturday afternoon in the King Edward Hall, Oxbow, for the discussion of the Elevator Bill and circulars sent out by F. W. Green, the provincial secretary for this association. After the discussion of this bill and other letters sent out by the central of this association, asking questions and making insinuations which were deemed unworthy of attention the secretary was instructed to forward the following resolution to Mr. Green: 'That the Oxbow branch of the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association is not in favor of the Elevator Bill as passed by the government of the Province of Saskatchewan, and we continue in favor of nothing but the government ownership of internal elevators. And this association declines to take any action whatsoever in the propagation of the scheme as outlined in the said bill.'"

A STRIKING CONTRAST

The following clipping from the Hanley paper shows a striking contrast and is typical in every particular of about sixty replies to our second circular received within the last few days. We would recommend the attitude of Hanley to those wishing to co-operate under this bill. To those who are opposed would say, why keep on knocking? To those whose views are opposed to ours and are in a candid way manly expressed, accept our thanks.

Grain Growers' Association

A meeting of the above association was held on March 28 in the Lawrence building, J. W. Clancy, president in the chair.

The following motions were duly carried:— That minutes be adopted as read. The following questions submitted by F. W. Green, secretary, Saskatchewan Grain Growers, were put to the meeting and answered as indicated:—

Would you advise an attempt to secure the whole elevator trade, or only a competing factor at each point? One factor at each point.

Should we build an entirely new unit at Hanley to suit ourselves or purchase an old live elevator? Build a new elevator.

Would you advise the securing of as many elevators as possible this year or only a few? As many as possible.

Would you advise the handling of commodities other than grain? Handle this year only grain.

Or would you advise us not to proceed at all this year in view of the fact that Partridge, Evans, Tate and Gates have, since the convention, declared against the proposition? That they go right ahead.

Or would you advise us to simply thoroughly organize at as many points as possible so as to be ready next year and not attempt doing business until then? No, go ahead.

Do you wish to organize a co-operative elevator at your point this year? Yes.

How many members had you last year? 54.

How many have you paid up for 1911? 58.

How many can you secure for 1911? Say ten more.

How many life members have you? Do not know.

Can you send us at least five new life members this year? Will try.

Do you believe in keeping party politics out of this association? Yes.

That the meeting expresses itself in favor of the Saskatchewan Co-Operative Co. adopting the recall as part of the constitution of this company and that the secretary forward resolution to F. W. Green.

A subscription list was then passed round, headed as follows:—"We, the undersigned, hereby agree to take the amounts of stock set opposite our names for the purpose of building an elevator under the provisions of the Saskatchewan Elevator Act." It was signed by the following:—M. Malcolm, \$500; D. M. Dille, \$50; A. L. Waunch, \$100; T. Lawrence, \$100; W. Galloway, \$100; G. D. Lawrence, \$100; G. Gregg, \$100; U. G. Ward, \$50; Gust Anderson, \$50; R. W. Oxley, \$100. The secretary-treasurer was instructed to keep the subscription list in his office to secure subscriptions from members of the association. The meeting then adjourned.

OBITUARY

We regret exceedingly to report the death of the late secretary of Lanigan Association, Mr. W. S. Caruthers. He was indeed a staunch member of the association. By his correspondence with the central office we particularly noticed he had a complete knowledge of his work as a secretary.

WADENA APPROVES ACTION

An interesting and well attended meeting of the Wadena branch of the Grain Growers' Association was held March 4 at Wadena. The action of the convention at Regina was reviewed and discussed with considerable interest. Among other things done the following resolution was adopted unanimously: "Resolved, that the action taken by our delegate, L. C. Wirtz, at the convention at Regina be approved; that the Wadena Association hereby express its absolute confidence in our delegate's judgment, believing that he acted in our best interests in voting for the adoption of the report of the elevator commission."

HANLEY FAVORS PACT

At a recent meeting of the Hanley Association a resolution was passed approving of the proposed reciprocity pact and sent to Sir Wilfrid Laurier, G. E. McCraney, M.P., and Dr. J. W. MacNeil, M.P.P. The secretary was instructed to order a number of pamphlets on Direct Legislation.

NEW ASSOCIATIONS FORMED

New branches have organized at the undernoted points since the last quota we sent for publication. We also give the names of the various secretaries: Naseby, W. A. Beck; Wollfaton, J. G. Coles; Hamar, W. Vaughan; Lizard Lake, P. Smith; Fisk, P. G. Walker; Tezerton, R. L. Missinger; Crown Hill, A. M. Teskey; Rex, S. Roberts; Phone Hill, J. L. Woods; Kilwinning, R. B. Baillie; Meadow Bank, T. L. Lloyd; Cooper Creek, G. Laycock.

RECIPROCITY AGREEMENT

Letters have been received from the undernoted sub-associations endorsing the reciprocity agreement with the United States: Lanigan, Lizard Lake, St. Benedict, Mount Hope, Oliver, Tantallon, Starview, Swarthmore, Dale, Belle Plaine, Orangeville, Ituna, Mount Green, North Star, Star City, Semans, Redvers, Bethune, Wessels, Welwyn, Leofield, Landis, Borden, Graham Hill, Fleming, Highfield, Tenold, Spyhill.

ELEVATOR SITUATION

Resolutions have been passed by the following branch associations endorsing the elevator commission's report. This makes a total of 180 locals who support the scheme: Northminster, Radisson, Bradwell, Milestone, North Battleford, Orangeville, Lanigan, Hulsley, Hanley, Star City, Govan, Langham, Swanson, Creelman, Mount Green, Bangor, Normanton, Fertile Valley, Redvers, Landis, Luxemburg, McTavish, Greenwood, Belbec.

HUDSON BAY RAILWAY

The following associations support the Hudson Bay Railway scheme: Lizard Lake, Tantallon, Belle Plaine, St. Benedict, Starview, Spy Hill, Redvers, Govan, Leofield.

THUNDER HILL ORGANIZED

The Thunder Hill branch of the Grain Growers' Association held a re-organization meeting on April 4. Several interesting subjects came up

for consideration such as co-operation, Direct Legislation and the advisability of building a farmers' elevator. The association has ordered a car of shingles on which they will effect a saving of from \$175 to \$225. The result of this deal is interesting them very much in co-operation and causing them to think they might effect similar savings along other lines of staple articles. This meeting gave us the first opportunity of hearing an official report from our Ottawa delegate, D. Hawe. The following officers were elected: President, C. W. Banks; vice-president, J. E. Dawson; secretary, W. J. Ford; directors, Messrs. Cotton, Emmond, Stewart, Hogg, McIntyre and Grover. It was resolved that we procure membership cards and that the Ex-president Mr. D. Hawe canvass the north part of the district and W. J. Ford the south part and make an effort to have every farmer become a member of the association. W. J. FORD, Sec'y.

Thunder Hill, Sask.

FLEMING RESCINDS MOTION

A meeting of the Grain Growers and citizens of Fleming and district was called for Saturday, March 25, at 8 o'clock, and notices posted accordingly. The following resolutions were put before the meeting and carried unanimously: Moved by Chas. Bowering, seconded by R. Whitton and carried without a dissenting vote, "That we, the members of Fleming branch of the Grain Growers' Association and citizens of Fleming district, in meeting assembled, recognize that the proposed trade arrangements between Canada and United States will be of great benefit to the people of Canada and we wish to put ourselves on record as being strongly favorable to an increase in the British Preference and ultimately to the establishment of free trade within the empire." Moved by John McQueen, seconded by John Burns and carried unanimously, "That this meeting commends heartily the support that our local member, Mr. Smith, the Hon. Walter Scott and his supporters gave to the reciprocity pact in endorsing it in its entirety." Moved by Chas. Bowering, seconded by Jas. Clarke and carried unanimously, "That this meeting regrets that at a non-representative gathering held here on Feb. 25, at which eight were present, that the reciprocity pact was opposed and we take this opportunity of rescinding the motion of that date." Moved by Chas. Bowering, seconded by Jas. Clarke and carried unanimously, "That copies of these resolutions be sent to our members, Mr. Lake, Mr. Smith, to Sir Wilfrid Laurier and to W. Martin, of Regina, and to the local and Winnipeg Free Press with explanation of previous meeting." At the previous meeting on Feb. 25, called for 2 o'clock, the officers, though in town, refused to call the meeting until after 5 o'clock when the majority of members had gone home and at this late hour, with eight members present, read the resolution opposed to the reciprocity pact which, on being put to the meeting, received four votes and was declared carried.

The present meeting of March 25, in rescinding the former motion, does so with the unanimous vote of the forty-seven farmers and citizens present.

Signed on behalf of the meeting
GEO. KING,
MYLES READER,
JOHN McQUEEN,
R. PERCY,
ALLAN McLEAN,
CHAS. BOWERING.

INTERESTING MEETING AT REDVERS

A special meeting was held here on March 17, when resolutions were passed endorsing the reciprocity agreement, the Saskatchewan elevator bill and the building of the Hudson Bay Railroad. It was also resolved that the secretary write to Sir Wilfrid Laurier and our member, J. G. Turfiff, assuring them of our unanimous approval of the reciprocity treaty and the building of the Hudson Bay Railroad. O. R. Gould, of Manor, addressed the meeting on "Our Association, the Grain Growers' Guide, and the Grain Growers' Grain Company." A hearty vote of thanks was tendered him for his helpful and instructive address. Our annual "At Home," which was held on March 1, was also a big success. With games, concert, supper and dance, an enjoyable time was spent by all. Our finances were benefitted by \$51.50.

Redvers, Sask.

ORGANIZATION WORK

This is one of the most paramount questions of the present period, not confined to America alone, but to the entire world. The farming community has only recently awakened to the full realization of its power and already it is beginning to revolutionize the industrial system. The force of combination is wonderful. No people who have loyalty and love of country at heart would permit a neighboring country to organize an invading army without themselves organizing an army to protect their land, their country and their home. It is this invading army of organized capital that makes organized labor and organized producers inevitable. The one could not exist without the other springing up in self defence. No power this side of heaven can stop it now. Inconvenient as this may be to have one part of humanity rising up and battling against another for their rights, we are nevertheless glad it has come to pass. As one has said, "It is another step in the evolution of the world." Organization as we are striving for, means a higher order of things, fair wages and a more economical and scientific method of conducting business. Everything rests on a solid foundation of cause and effect. Had capital always been fair and generous with the handling of our produce, we producers would never need to organize. It is the abuse of capital that compels producers to organize; to organize in self defence and with a manly regard for rational dignity and fairness. As aforesaid, the country is facing great and important questions today, most of which directly or indirectly affect the farmers of the country. Therefore it behooves us to become educated on these vital questions; we cannot expect politicians to do the work for us. Organization among the producers of our country is not an impossibility, those especially who have taken upon themselves the name of Grain Growers already are proving themselves to be a power.

Almost the whole attention of the Dominion and local governments at the present sessions has been devoted to their interests, two-thirds of the business portion of the newspapers are discussing their topics. This is a healthy state. This, I believe, is the Periclean Age for the producers of the soil. I can only believe that the time is within the reach of the present generation when the name "farmer" will have lost any stigma that may have belonged to it in time past and will be clothed in the honored robe of intelligence and respect. The Grain Growers' Association has already opened up a sphere of influence which the originators themselves hardly anticipated. That this matchless stride may not be checked, I believe it is the duty of every grain producer in this land to identify himself with this association, to become educated in its constitution and its working, to become better in touch with the existing laws and existing tariffs insofar as they concern his interests, and to become a man among men. I am arguing for the principle of organization among grain growers and farmers in general. I believe it is right and it suits the vastness of their schemes which must, sooner or later, be brought about. Organized producers need no apology for their existence. They were forced to organize and must advance. "There is a tide in the affairs of men which, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune omitted all the voyage of their lives. Is bounded in shallows and in miseries of such a sea we are now afloat and we must take the current when it comes or lose our ventures."

Venn, Sask.

E. C. MONRO.

NEWSY BRIEFLETS

North Melfort has got a new set of officers. Star City branch endorses elevator bill, reciprocity agreement and government ownership and operation of terminal elevators, also the Hudson Bay Railway scheme.

Fisk. A new branch has been organized, twenty-one joining the association out of an audience of thirty.

Newlands advises us to strike while the iron is hot. Good.

St. Gregor branch advises, forget politics and co-operate; thanks us for our efforts.

Sunset. Enthusiastic, ready to co-operate.

Kisbey is going into trading in connection with the farmers' elevator but cannot get the site for warehouse.

Mr. Gabriel, of Bangor, district No. 9, is busy organizing local associations.

Hamar has formed a branch with twenty members as a start.

Mr. Holmes, of Midale, is busy organizing associations around the Soo line. They are pleased there with the elevator bill.

Govan Association is fully alive to the possibilities of the Co-operative Elevator Co.'s Bill and anxious to get in the swim.

R. D. Kirkham, of Saltcoats, wants to get in touch with all new associations, in organization district No. 10.

Zelma branch had splendid gathering on March 18, when practically the executive stand on the Ottawa delegation, reciprocity and increase of British Preference, also terminal elevators were endorsed.

Andrey had a big banquet which is to be an annual affair. Speeches were made, resolutions passed with great gusto, reciprocity endorsed, but want implements free, British Preference increased.

A great meeting was recently held at Bridgeford branch, splendid social time with good literary program, stirring addresses on dry farming and organization, after which came cake and coffee prepared by the ladies.

Organization. We have received some splendid papers on this question lately. Sorry we have not room for them all. We quote from one by Mr. E. C. Monro, Venn, this week.

AN ENGLISH VIEW

London, April 13.—Truth, Labouchere's famous weekly, at the invitation of the Canadian emigration authorities, has been conducting an independent investigation into the department's methods. The first article this week covers several pages, and is entirely favorable regarding the methods and honesty of the department dealing with intending emigrants. Perhaps the most significant comment is as follows: "If the conditions of life and prospects for the future in the Canadian northwest are sufficient to induce American farmers in ever-increasing numbers to sell up their homesteads and cut themselves off from kith and kin to make themselves new homes in a new country, it is not likely that starvation and destitution will await the British emigrant when exactly the same chance is offered him."

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MUST HAVE NAMES

Questions sent in without the name of the sender attached will not be answered. The name will not be used if not desired, but it must be sent in as a guarantee of good faith.

Subscriber.—The Guide will not be conducting an employment office. It would be impossible at the present time to carry on this work.

ORDERED FANNING MILL

W.J.M., Man.—A year ago last fall an agent came to the field where I was working selling fanning mills and kitchen cabinets. I signed a note for the cabinet and I understood it was an order I was signing for the fanning mill. I could not see to read very good but later I found that it was a note also. Shortly after I got the fanning mill home and set it up I found that it was not in working order. I wrote to the company several times to send someone to fix it and they promised but did not do so. I said I would send it back as I could not pay for a machine that was of no use whatever. I sent it back but they refused to accept it. They now say that they will sue for the amount. What would you advise?

Ans.—You are liable for fanning mill as you ordered it and it is immaterial whether company sued on note or on order.

BOUGHT HORSES AT AUCTION

Progress, Sask.—Recently I bought at an auction sale four horses for the sum of \$1,142.00. I gave as security a friend who is homesteading. The auctioneer made no demur about the security. But on the day following, the owner demanded the return of the horses. I returned them to him, but he declined to return my note and he states that he will retain it until he has sold the horses and that if he fails to get the full amount of my bid for them he will compel me to pay him the balance. The auctioneer, before he started the sale, stated that he required either cash or bankable paper. We understood that our paper was bankable, but he states that it is not, owing to the fact that neither of us have a banking account, nor title deeds to real estate. I have \$800.00 invested in scrip and notes payable to me in November next for the sum of \$700.00. My security is worth about \$1,000.00 in portable property. Will you favor me by stating whether under the circumstances he can actually force me to pay him any balance?

Ans.—No.

BOUGHT BINDER ON PAYMENTS

D.B., Man.—Bought a binder from machine company on three payments, giving them ordinary

AGRICULTURAL MOTOR COMPETITION

Rules and regulations for the big agricultural motor contest to be held at the Canadian Industrial Exhibition at Winnipeg next July are printed. Gold, silver and bronze medals are offered in each of seven classes. The entry fee is \$25. Fuel will be supplied by the exhibition association; gasoline at 20c. per gallon, kerosene at 12c. per gallon, soft coal at \$8.50 per ton, and wood at \$4.50 per cord. Two men are allowed on steam engines, and two to start gasoline engines, but only one to run each after it is started. If any entry makes use of other men, a penalty of ten points for each man will be imposed.

The plowing test will extend over a period of five hours or longer, if the judges consider it wise. Only one man is allowed on each plow.

The score card is worked out in detail. Under the main heads: brake test, 150; maximum brake test, 50; plowing test, 200; design and construction, 100; Professors A. R. Greig, of Saskatoon, and L. J. Smith, of M. A. C., are the engineers.

MANITOBA PURE-BRED CATTLE SALE

The rules and regulations governing the annual cattle sale of the Cattle Breeders' Association of Manitoba, to be held in Brandon, May 31st, have been issued, and may be obtained by writing the secretary, A. W. Bell, Winnipeg. The prices obtained at the Saskatchewan sale last week augur well for this event. Up to the holding of this sale the Manitoba sales held the record as far as high prices were concerned, and anyone with a good serviceable bull should have no difficulty in disposing of him to the best possible advantage. This year the committee have added to the age limit, allowing bulls calved between July 1st, 1904, and June 1st, 1910, to be offered, entries to be made not later than April 23.

lien notes. Met first payment, unable to meet second. Collector threatens to take away the machine. Can he do so? Have been told I can compel him to sell the machine on my premises. Is this true?

Ans.—No.

HAD CATTLE KILLED

Subscriber, Sask.—I had three head of cattle killed on the C.P.R., running through my place. The flyer was running at regular speed and did not whistle. The line is straight and the prairie level for miles. The railway has a fence on one side where they were killed. Can I recover damages for these cattle which were valued at \$50. What course should I pursue and where would you advise me to look for counsel?

Ans.—Send explanation as to whether lands on side of railway not fenced are inclosed and settled or improved.

RENTED FARM

G.E.P., Sask.—If A rents farm from B and B sells the farm, after A has got it all ready for crop, can A charge B \$2 per acre for getting this land ready for crop? There was nothing said about selling when A rented the land and there was no agreement drawn up. A and B just took one another's word in good faith. A was to get two-thirds of crop and to get the land ready himself. A has got it ready and B has sold the farm. Can A collect \$2 per acre?

Ans.—A has a claim which he can enforce; the amount would be in the discretion of the court.

LENDS WATER TANK

W.E.E., Sask.—A (a thresherman) lends to B his nephew, a water tank to draw water for the teams while A is threshing at B's place. B to get the water passes through C's farm, and in conversation with C's man, the latter asks B if the tank belongs to the thresherman and if not, if he could have the loan of it to draw a few tanks for C's stock. B replies that the thresherman has nothing to do with the tank and that B was going to have it all fall and that C could have it whenever he wanted it. C's man said he would be after it in the afternoon. C himself was standing by and heard the above conversation. C's man accordingly went for the tank and he did not see anything of B, and so he hitched on to it without speaking to anyone. The thresher and crew were about 100 or 150 yards from the tank but no one said anything. When he got back with the water the threshing outfit had left B's place and the tank remained at B's place for several days till B needed it. Now, four months after the event takes place, A sends C a bill for \$52 for loss he claims was occasioned by his tank being away from the outfit when needed. He had spoken to C's man about it previously saying that he had lost \$32 by tank being away, but he had never communicated with C. A had borrowed the tank from a friend for the threshing season and B had nothing to do with it apart from A's permission. B had the tank on his place and was using it before his uncle, the thresherman, arrived, but C does not know how long before. Can A collect damages from C?

Ans.—If tank was injured while in possession of C's man, C is liable.

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AGRICULTURAL FAIRS

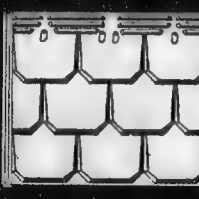
Manitoba Agricultural society fairs will be held at the points given herewith on the dates mentioned. These dates were arranged at the Agricultural societies' convention held in February at the agricultural college, and the shows are so grouped as to enable the judges to be present at the greatest number of points in a minimum amount of time, and at the smallest expense possible.

Judges are being supplied by the extension department of the Manitoba Agricultural college, assisted by the provincial department of agriculture. In some cases the date given indicates only the last day of a two days' fair. The fairs in the accompanying list are arranged in order of dates.

Summer Fair Dates for 1911

Roland—April 20.
Souris—July 12 and 13.
Morris—July 4.
Emerson—July 6.
Morden—July 4 and 5.
St. Pierre—July 12.
Gladstone—July 18 and 19.
Minnedosa—July 20 and 21.
Wawanesa—July 4.
Hartney—July 5.
Melita—July 7.
Miami, July 4.
Carman, July 5 and 6.
Carberry—July 7 and 8.
Cypress River—July 7.
Glenboro, July 1.
Crystal City—July 19.
Cartwright—July 20.
Deloraine—August 1.
Boissevain—August 2.
Pilot Mound—August 3.
Manitou—August 4.
Elkhorn—August 1 and 2.
Virden—August 3 and 4.
Oak Lake—August 1.
Dauphin—August 8 and 9.
Roblin—August 10.
Gilbert Plains—August 11.
Miniota—August 1.
Harding—August 2.
Rapid City—August 3.
Hamiota—August 4.
Sanford—August 1.
Swan Lake—August 4.
Treherne—August 2.
Russell—August 3.
Shoal Lake—August 9.
Birtle—August 10.
Strathclair—August 11.
MacGregor—August 9.
Reston—August 8 and 9.
Binscarth—August 2.
Oak River—August 3 or 10.
St. Vital—August 23 and 24.
Springfield—October 5.
Brokenhead—September 29 and 30.
Giroux—September 27 and 28.
Headingley—September 12 or 13.
Kildonan—September 13 and 14.
Kellwood—October 3.
St. Jean—October 3.
Stonewall—October 3 and 4.
Ste. Rose du Lac—September 20.
Woodlands No. 1—October 6.
Rossburn—October 5.

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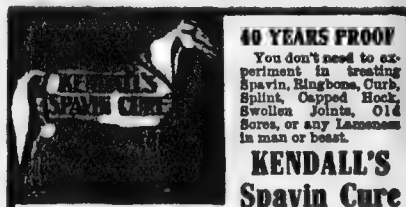
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KEHO, ALTA, 10-10-10

Co-operation among Farmers

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and other benefits accruing from joint action:

	1908	Saving effected
Car Flour	\$.45 per sack	
Car Lumber	8.00 per thous.	
Joint Car Twine	.02 per pound	
	1909	
Car Flour	\$.45 per sack	
Car Coal	4.00 per ton	
Joint Car Twine	.03 per pound	
	1910	
3 cars Coal	\$8.00 per ton	
1 car Flour	.50 per sack	
1 car Feed	4.00 per ton	
Joint Car Twine	.02 per pound	

In addition to the above we erected a weigh scale, secured stockyards from C.P.R., secured a crossing from C.P.R., were the means of inaugurating a movement which was successful in securing permanent station agent through railway commission and also secured grant from municipality to secure suitable entrance to elevators. The above is only the apparent or direct advantage derived from co-operation amongst us, but add to that the indirect (the general come-down of prices locally) and it will be found that the system of co-operation amongst farmers is of incalculable benefit, both to the parties participating and to the consumer at large. An instance worth quoting occurred at this point prior to the advent of our own grain company. Three neighbors had each about 350 bushels of wheat for which they were offered the magnificent sum of 54 cents per bushel by the local buyer. These men shipped the wheat together and netted 77½ cents per bushel.

W. GIBSON.

ANTLER, SASK.

I am instructed by this association to forward to you a statement of our success in handling a car of flour and feed some time ago. We had prices quoted by five mills and having decided upon the most satisfactory offer we booked orders for greater part before sending in order for carload. The car contained 160 sacks No. 1 flour, 10 sacks Graham flour, 10 cwt. rolled oats, 55 sacks of bran, 35 of shorts and 35 of wheat chop; in all 30,500 lbs. The members were notified of the day car was expected and secretary opened an office in convenient place and received cash and made out bills which were taken direct to the car where an assistant turned over goods as per bill. We charged half a cent per sack over actual cost, including freight, and as everything was satisfactory we came out just a little more than even. We estimate that the transaction saved just about \$100, for those interested, over retail prices here, and we have a number one article.

J. A. PROVEN, Sec.

KISBEY, SASKATCHEWAN

Last year the Glasstown and Weirhill branches of the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association co-operated in the matter of formaldehyde and binder twine. In reference to twine, we secured a carload on which we saved to our members \$800, on time payments due November 15, 1910.

In reference to formaldehyde, we secured by the barrel at a cost laid down to our members of less than 15 cents per pound. One of our people, who was not then a member of our association was going away, and to make sure of his formaldehyde, ordered it in town and, on asking the price, was told about thirty cents per pound. Imagine the smile on his face when he returned and the merchant told him the price was 20 cents per pound. Therefore, we saved fifty per cent. to our members and to our people who were non-members thirty-three per cent., which to me looks like good business.

GEO. CHRISTIE,

President, Weirhill Branch

Kisbey, Sask.

EAGLE CREEK, SASKATCHEWAN

In regard to your enquiry in The Guide some time ago, I beg to say that this branch has only bought formalin co-operatively, paying 17 cents per pound for it. We also got quotations from several firms for binder twine but as we were not in a position to pay cash we ultimately bought from a local merchant and paid 9¼ cents per pound for standard twine. I might say that three years ago we paid

respectively 40 cents and 14 cents for these two commodities.

ALAN R. MUDIE.

Eagle Creek, Sask.

CLARESHOLM, ALBERTA

Report of produce purchased by the Clareholm 5 mile Union, No. 79, for the year of 1910:

From Kelowna, B.C., we bought fruit as follows:

Peaches	\$42.50
Plums	39.10
Apples	56.00
Apples	22.50
Apples	10.15
Apples	5.80
Pears	3.50
Prunes	.85

On fruit we did not make any saving, though with the experience we will be able to make a saving next year.

From Leduc, Alberta, we purchased potatoes and other garden vegetables, costing \$481.08.

On vegetables we saved about fifteen per cent.

We bought flour, bran, shorts and oatmeal from Lethbridge, Alberta. On flour we saved about thirty-two per cent., based on store prices here. On bran and shorts we made about twenty per cent., based on store prices here.

The prices paid were:

460 sacks Flour	\$ 691.98
393 sacks Flour	753.02
404 sacks Flour	573.27
604 sacks Flour	1,269.54
354 sacks Flour	841.43
50 boxes Prunes	230.00

\$5,020.72

A. G. AHERN, Sec.-Treas.

Clareholm, Alta.

BARROW LAKE, SASKATCHEWAN

In response to your request for reports on co-operative buying, our association bought twine at a saving of a cent per pound, the total amount being purchased being in the neighborhood of 15,000 pounds. Also we purchased coal from a local dealer at a saving of 70 cents per ton. This is all we have bought co-operatively and we are well satisfied with the result.

E. TREGASHIS.

Barrow Lake, Sask.

BERTON, MANITOBA

In reply to your request for an account of any co-operation of the local associations, wish to say that our association bought one car of flour, bran and shorts. The secretary advanced the money and sent cash with order, thus securing the one per cent. discount for spot. This paid the secretary for the handling of the car, thus saving the association any expense for labor. The car contained 213 sacks of flour, 122 of bran, 42 of shorts. Flour laid down cost \$2.75, bran 80c., shorts 85c. Total car \$717.95. This car retailed by our merchants would have cost us \$832.75. Difference, \$114.80 with labor paid.

This is the only bit of co-operative buying our association has been able to do up to date, but are looking to help ourselves more in the future. The car was placed promptly and flour satisfactory.

CHAS. DOBSON.

Berton, Man.

ZELMA, SASKATCHEWAN

My attention was called to the fact that you requested from all the secretaries of the G.G.A. the information as to the amounts saved by co-operation. I will submit the following for the past in connection with our branch which I hope will be the information desired:

Saved.

7 cars wood.	Price paid, \$3.80;
local dealers	\$6.00 to \$6.50 .. \$246.40
4 cars oats.	Price paid, 33 cents;
local dealers, 40 cents.....	509.50

Total amount saved \$755.90

T. C. JOHNS.

Zelma, Sask.

TANTALLON, SASKATCHEWAN

In 1904 the farmers in this district organized a co-operative creamery association which has proved a success. The shares were ten dollars and 141 were taken up and 40 per cent. called in. Our average for several years has been over 50,000 pounds of butter, the factory being operated by the dairy department of the Saskatchewan government. Over ten thousand dollars annually is paid to the patrons. One cent per pound of butter manufactured goes into the



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W. C. PAYNTER, President.

INFORMATION WANTED

At the last meeting of the Punnichy, Sask., branch of the Grain Growers' Association the subject of co-operation in purchasing binder twine was discussed. I was asked to obtain some information on the subject. I should be glad to hear from any of your readers who have had any experience in the matter. If they will write me the result of their experience they will greatly oblige.

SAMUEL J. SWAN.

Punnichy, Sask.

[Note.—Will some of those who have had experience please communicate with Mr. Swan.—Ed.]

KINLEY, SASKATCHEWAN

In reply to your request in The Guide from association re co-operation, I submit the following from the Wheatfields branch of the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association. In the autumn of 1909 coal was \$10 per ton at Kinley, our local point. The association, under the impression that coal was too high in price, decided to get in a car under the co-operative system. A car of high quality coal was duly laid down in Kinley at the moderate cost to the purchasers of \$6.50 per ton. The town coal dealer, observing this, immediately dropped his price to \$7 per ton and just as instantly raised it again to its former price when the Grain Growers' coal was all sold. This one instance alone clearly indicates the necessity and the benefits which would be derived by farmers co-operating in purchasing all similar commodities.

We also asked for tenders on the price of twine, which resulted in very materially reducing the cost of that article at this point. The association was well satisfied with the results obtained. Co-operation should be encouraged for it will assist in solving a problem of considerable magnitude, viz., the high cost of living.

HAROLD W. WEIDRICK, Sec.
Kinley, Sask.

SPRINGHILL, MANITOBA

In a late issue of The Guide you requested the secretaries of the branch associations to report their experience in the way of co-operation. The Springhill Association has been doing a little along this line for the past two years, and has experienced satisfactory results. In 1909, in conjunction with a neighboring association we bought a car load of twine. This had the effect of bringing the price of twine in this district down about five cents per pound. In this way those who were not members of the association received a direct benefit as well as the members. This experiment resulted in a net saving per quarter section of about \$15. In 1910 our order for twine, together with that of a neighboring branch was for 11,650 pounds. Our profit was less owing to the keen competition, but amounted to \$291. On other commodities the profit was as follows:

1 car of apples (160 bbls.)	\$200.00
Pears	25 bbls. Sold at cost
Flour	443 sacks 219.60
Bran	290 sacks 58.40
Shorts	59 sacks 11.80
Rolled oats	40 sacks 24.00
Profit exclusive of 1909	313.80

We have ordered another car of flour, bran, shorts, etc., but this car will be credited to 1911. We are buying our flour, etc., from a local mill and find that it is equal to any flour on the market. It makes beautiful bread and all our members send in good reports. Our experience in buying co-operatively is that while we reap a benefit directly by buying in car lots, it also creates another means of competition, causing competitors to reduce their prices on the same kind of goods so that all will reap a benefit indirectly by reason of our buying. Our members were forced to buy co-operatively on account of the exorbitant prices charged locally, and now we have tasted of sweet things we mean to keep it up.

W. A. A. ROWE, Sec'y-Treas.
Neepawa, Man.

FAMOUS CO-OPERATOR COMING

Co-operators in all parts of the kingdom will join in wishing a successful mission and a safe return to Mr. W. Maxwell, who leaves Glasgow tomorrow (Saturday) by the S. S. "Hesperian" for Canada, where he will try to inspire co-operators with hope for their future enterprises. During the course of his sojourn abroad, which it is expected will last till after the Bradford Congress, Mr. Maxwell will make a tour of the chief centres of population in the great new land where already so many of his compatriots have established homes for themselves. He will address many meetings in the interests of co-operation, beginning at Montreal on April 12. The intimation of Mr. Maxwell's visit to the West has already awakened a desire on the part of numberless bodies of working men to hear the great leader of the movement in Scotland. He has been invited to address evening meetings, mid-day meetings, and even Sunday meetings, and Mr. Maxwell has promised to undertake as many meetings as his health and strength will allow. There is some strong opposition to co-operation in Canada (where has there not been?); but even this Mr. Maxwell will try to meet fairly. In Canada and elsewhere it is the people who have been made to realize what co-operation connotes, and if Mr. Maxwell should succeed in arousing The People of Canada, the "opposition" should not last long. Mrs. Maxwell accompanies him in this great missionary enterprise, and thus adds to the many little martyrdoms to which she has submitted herself when co-operation has called her husband abroad. Because of the importance of this visit to the Far West, and because of the many services the Grand Old Man has rendered to the movement in the past, let us wish him, with all sincerity, "Bon Voyage!"—Manchester (England) Co-operator.

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EVENTS TO KEEP IN MIND

Edmonton Stallion Show and Bull Sale, Edmonton	April 20-27
Manitoba Pure-bred Cattle Sale, Brandon	May 31
Winnipeg Horse Show	June 5-10
Calgary Exhibition	June 30-July 7
Canadian Industrial Exhibition, Winnipeg	July 11-22
Brandon Summer Fair	July 24-29
Dominion Exhibition, Regina	Aug. 1-10
Edmonton Exhibition	Aug. 15-19
Edmonton Fat Stock Show	Dec. 20

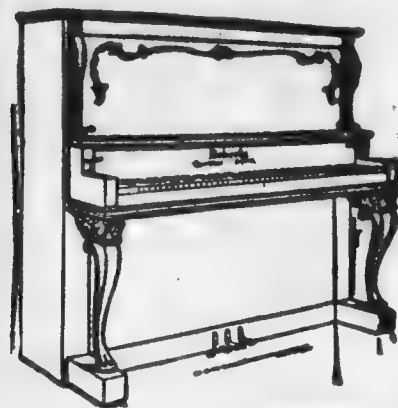


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In a war for human rights there never was an abler champion nor a cause more just.—O. M. Gilbertson, Gilby, Sask.

PASSING IT ALONG

I am so well pleased with your paper that I wish it every success. I wish to make these men a present of your paper for six months.—J. H. Hildreth, Davidson, Sask.

GOOD WISHES

Being interested in the fearless manner in which you uphold the farmers' cause and the fair and manly way you criticize the speeches of the enemy, I wish you every success.—A. Sparling, Ellerslie, Alta.

FREE TRADE WILL HELP

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I have nothing but praise for The Guide. It is the paper I most eagerly look for. It is fighting a good fight. Doing more for the farmer than the majority are aware of and should be subscribed for by every one of them. It is all good, but I particularly appreciate the Ottawa letter. I have been here in this country for five years. For the last twelve months I have been a subscriber to The Guide, and during that last twelve months have learned more of things that every farmer should know than I did in the previous four years. Thanks to The Guide. It is truly a farmers' guide.—Henry Goule, Maplebush, Sask.

PEOPLE ARE THINKING

Keep steadily on. You are doing a grand work. The columns and pages of sophistry which are being published for a consideration to counteract your influence will prove ineffectual, for you have got the people thinking. Those letters from the manufacturers of Free Trade Great Britain was a great idea.—Robt. Fisher, Oak Bank, Man.

SO WOULD WE

The Guide. I think it is a valuable acquisition to the Canadian farmer in general. I would like to see the subscription list up to 100,000. One dollar a year is not much to spend on an organ that is working for the national welfare of Canada.—John Ferguson, Marquis, Sask.

EVEN IN NEW YORK

Met one of your farmers on the train today. He has excited my interest in the Canadian West and I should like to know more about your people and the conditions out there. Kindly send me an issue of your paper and your subscription rates and oblige, A. E. Calton, 424 South Salina St., Syracuse, N.Y.

EYE OPENERS COMING

With regard to the stand you are taking re the farmers' interests in general, I think it's about all right. I see some think there should be a third political party and a very new one. It certainly looks as though someone will get an eye opener this winter at Ottawa.—Frank Oliver, Sourisford, Man.

A SQUARE DEAL

I find your paper the only one farmers can learn anything from their own interests. I have discarded the other farm papers for I find that they are only dirt-slingers, misleaders and party tools. Yours for a square deal.—W. J. Hoare, Lost River, Sask.

RIGHT ON THE TARIFF

I think The Guide expresses the sentiment of the Saskatchewan farmer in reference to the protective tariff.—Frank Young, Young, Sask.

GETTING NO BETTER FAST

Please stop sending The Guide to my address; every issue seems to be getting worse.—T. H. Irvine, Crandall, Man.

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I have gotten The Guide ever since the first issue and am more than pleased at the great success it has attained. Every farmer in this Western country should take The Guide as there is nothing else printed that can equal it in the fearless stand it takes in standing up for our rights.—Robt. Mills, Summerberry, Sask.

VALUE OF THE GUIDE

Remitted a year's subscription for your paper last November and I have failed to receive a copy yet. Just think of the good reading I have missed. You will oblige me by sending paper or returning the dollar with interest at 8 per cent., but I would much prefer the paper.—Fred Bartlett, Notre Dame, De Aubeigne, Alta.

EVERY FARMER SHOULD READ

I greatly appreciate The Guide and think every farmer should get it.—Eucher de Galley, Routledge, Man.

NON-PARTIZAN STAND

I would like to state that I am very much interested in The Guide and I admire your non-partizan stand. I trust the day will never come when the Grain Growers as an association will be mixed up in party politics.—G. M. Halbin, Oliver, Man.

CUT IT OFF

As my subscription to your paper, The Guide, has expired kindly stop same and oblige, OSCAR WESTWOOD, Wheatland, Man.

WORK EDUCATING

I like the paper very much. You are putting up a splendid fight. Go on. Though many farmers are too stupid to see that they are being imposed upon, if once they wake up they will stay awake. They are the backbone of the country and are worth educating.—Mrs. Jas. McKay, Red Deer, Alta.

READ IN BRITAIN

I should like to take this opportunity of saying that I am very pleased with the manner and style of the conduct of your paper. I should gather from what I have read, while my son has been here, that the various articles appearing in your issues must be of great value and help to the farmers who are wise enough to become subscribers. In regard to the political aspect of free trade, please be patient with your opponents, for even today we have great difficulty in convincing those in our grand country of the selfish principles of protection.—E. J. Walter, Stroud Green, London, England.

REFUSES TO READ THE TRUTH

I wish to tell you that I no longer need your paper. I am not in a position to go into details, but I think any paper that favors the Laurier government on reciprocity is no friend to the farmers.—L. Merrett, Bulyes, Sask.

HARD ON THE PARTIZAN

I have been a reader of your paper for about a year. I believe you are setting in motion forces which will be of incalculable value to the farmer. I am a Canadian by birth and have lived in different parts of the Western United States for about twenty years before coming here. To be candid, I must say I think our people have too narrow a point of view, too provincial, too satisfied that they are "it," they have been fed for so long on two kinds of political party sop taken out of one capitalistic swill barrel that when a paper like The Guide hands them a few plain facts it jolts them badly.—G. D. Chute, Challey, Alta.

KEEPS HAMMERING AWAY

You are doing a grand work and some day the farmers will realize what you are doing. But, oh, dear! Some of them are thick in the head. But just keep hammering away. I don't think you need to fear any harm from the Canadian Century as it is plain as a pikestaff that they are paid partizans.—H. E. Parke, Ensign, Alta.

AN INDEPENDENT JOURNAL

Your new line of journalism cannot but find favor with all thinking men, no matter what their party inclinations may be. The dyed-in-the-wool party men who are throwing mud at you are to be first pitied, then excused, for it was "how they were raised," and they never saw an independent journal before in all their lives and can't recognize one when they see it. You will never lack the support of all who desire to give to others a square deal as well as themselves benefit by the same. "More power to your elbow" (and pen).—W. H. Jenkins, Venlaw, Man.

ALL READ THE GUIDE

I think every farmer in this locality, thanks to the energy of our local U.F.A. secretary, has had copies of The Guide placed in his hands, and the majority are, in consequence, subscribers.—C. Elton, Cowley, Alta.

A BIG CONTRACT

Enclosed find one dollar for the farmers' Bible (The Guide).—Wm. J. Rathe, Franklin, Man.

HELPING THE CAUSE

I read The Guide with growing interest. Without it I would feel sadly lost. Its suggestions, coming as they usually do, at the most opportune season. As we seek information of you I often get the value of the subscription in one number. I shall always recommend it wherever I go. I wish to compliment you on your up-to-date publication.—Alix Johnson, Sinclair, Man.

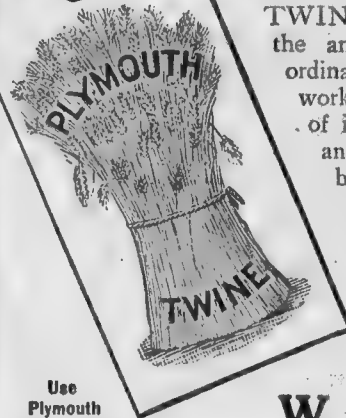
OUR OTTAWA LETTER

It would be impossible for me to do without your valuable paper now as I consider there is more news in one issue of it than in one whole year's issue of any of the weekly papers. Your letter every week from your correspondent in the press gallery in the House of Commons, Ottawa, is certainly O.K. My best wishes to your paper.—Thos. Kerr, Lawson, Sask.

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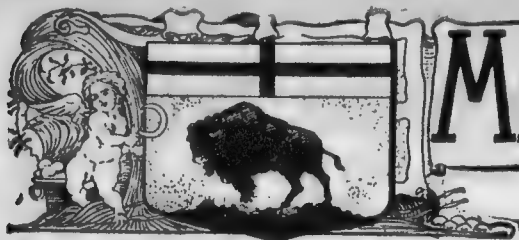
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SHOULD RETAIN CLAUSES

The Margaret branch held a meeting on the 8th inst. when arrangements were made to join with other branches along the C.N.R. in a picnic at Ninette some day in June, when a good time may be expected and good work done. The following resolutions were also unanimously passed: "Whereas it is the firm conviction of this association that the reciprocity agreement now under consideration between Canada and the United States, if consummated, will be of immense benefit to Canada as a whole, and especially to the Western Provinces. Therefore, we respectfully urge the Dominion parliament to adopt the same that it may become operative at the earliest possible moment, and we further express the hope and desire that the government will at an early date remove the duty from agricultural implements and increase the preference to Great Britain." It was ordered that a copy of this resolution be sent to Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Hon. W. S. Fielding and Dr. Schaffner.

"Whereas it is reported in the public press that the committee appointed by the Senate on the grain bill is going to recommend the elimination of section 123 and also clause (A) of section 242; therefore be it resolved that we, the members of the Margaret Grain Growers' Association, while affirming our adhesion to the principle of government ownership and operation by an independent commission and are willing to give the proposed bill a fair trial, are firmly convinced that the elimination of the said section 123 will utterly defeat the object of the bill by continuing the opportunity for interested parties to perpetuate the principal evil which it is our desire to stop, viz.: mixing; and that a copy of this resolution be sent to Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Sir Richard Cartwright and Dr. Schaffner, M.P."

EMPIRE BRANCH RESOLUTION

The Empire branch held their regular meeting on April 4, which was well attended. The main subject occupying the attention of the meeting was the purchasing of binder twine for the coming season. At a previous meeting of the branch the following resolution was passed without one dissenting voice: "Resolved that it is the opinion of this branch that the reciprocity agreement now under consideration between Canada and the United States, if ratified, will be in the best interests of the Canadian people, and we would also urge the government to increase the British Preference to fifty per cent. of the general tariff, and to remove the duty on agricultural implements." The secretary was instructed to send copies of the resolution to Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Dr. Roche, M.P.

WANT G.G.G. CO. BRANCH

The Kemnay branch of the M.G.G.A. held their regular meeting on April 5. After the regular business of the meeting was over, the following resolution was unanimously passed: "Resolved that this association strongly recommend that the Grain Growers' Grain Company open up an office in Brandon for the purpose of buying and selling grain. This branch would also suggest

that other associations in the immediate vicinity would send resolutions to the secretary of the Grain Growers' Grain Company, endorsing the above resolution."

J. D. GUILD, Sec'y.

FORK RIVER'S OPINION

The following resolution was passed by the Fork River branch of the association:

"That the Fork River branch of the M.G.G.A. is fully in accord with the proposed reciprocity agreement with the United States, but does not consider that it goes far enough and is but a very short step towards the fiscal policy promised by the Liberal party; and whereas we consider that Canada has had to bargain with the United States regarding this reciprocity agreement, we fail to see why our markets should not be thrown open to the Mother Country who takes our product free, and we would most emphatically urge not a preferential duty, but a free market to Great Britain."

SILVERWOOD REPUDIATES SIFTON

A. H. Detmold, secretary at Silverwood branch, writes that their branch has passed a resolution endorsing the ratification of the reciprocity agreement, and requesting that agricultural implements be placed on the free list, and also that the British Preference be increased to fifty per cent. It was also decided to invite Mr. Newton, M.P.P., their local member, to attend the next meeting of the branch on May 4 to give his reasons for voting against reciprocity in the local House contrary to the voice of the people of the district. The action of Hon. Clifford Sifton was also repudiated by a resolution, as was the action of Dr. Roche in misrepresenting the constituency of Marquette. "We do not see," said Mr. Detmold in his letter, "why the members of the House should need a mandate from the people to pass the reciprocity bill when they already know that it is the wish of the majority of the people to have reciprocity ratified at the earliest possible time. We notice," further stated Mr. Detmold, "that the members did not need a mandate from the people when they raised their salaries \$500 each." Copies of the resolutions were sent to Sir Wilfrid, Hon. W. S. Fielding and Dr. Roche, M.P.

DIRECT LEGISLATION MEETINGS

The following is a list of the last few meetings which will be addressed by Mr. F. J. Dixon on the subject of Direct Legislation before he returns to Winnipeg: Reston, Monday, April 24; Nesbitt, Tuesday, April 25; Carroll, Wednesday, April 26, afternoon; Glenboro, Wednesday, April 26, evening; Stockton, Thursday, April 27. The Ingelow, MacGregor and Beresford meetings have been cancelled. For further information re these meetings write to the Secretary, 239 Chambers of Commerce, Winnipeg, and look out for posters in your neighborhood.

NEIDPATH ORGANIZED

A meeting was held at Neidpath on Monday, February 27, to organize a Grain Growers' Association. Some fifty farmers were in attendance and forty answered the call for membership.

ENDORSES EXECUTIVE'S ACTION

Herbert B. Gray, secretary of the Silverton branch writes us that at a meeting of their association the members were unanimous in upholding the action of the central association in the matter of reciprocity.

HAZEL RIDGE ORGANIZED

At a meeting of the farmers of Hazel Ridge on March 8 a branch of the Manitoba Grain Growers' Association was organized with the following officers elected:—President, Isaac Cook; vice-president, Wm. Shaw; secretary-treasurer, Jno. Fisher; directors, Jeff Donaldson, D. Lamont, Adam Matheson, Geo. Miller, A. Dale and A. Nicholson. At present the branch boasts a membership of twenty-one.

ENDORSED RECIPROCITY

Wm. McGregor Denoon, secretary at Birnie, writes us that their branch has endorsed the resolution passed by the central executive in connection with the reciprocity agreement and sent copy of their resolution to Ottawa.

NEW SECRETARY

We note this week a change in the name of the secretary of the Barnsley branch. When the branch organized early in March a secretary was appointed but he has since resigned and Wm

Aldcroft has taken his office. Mr. Aldcroft reports twelve paid-up members and a number who are still unpaid.

PIERSON FOR AGREEMENT

At a meeting of the Grain Growers at Pierson on March 11 a resolution was passed endorsing the resolution of the central executive in connection with the reciprocity agreement.

HAYWOOD ORGANIZED

Another new branch of the association has been formed at Haywood with a membership of eleven. Edouard Jean is the secretary and he writes us that he expects many more will become members at the next meeting.

GRIMM ALFALFA PROVES HARDEST

The third annual report of the Dickinson sub-experiment station gives the results of the year's work, the first being the subject of alfalfa. This work is carried on in co-operation with the United States department of agriculture, and is the largest alfalfa experiment in the United States. In the work on hardiness, the Grimm alfalfa seems to have had the best of it. Attempts were made to cross the alfalfa with sweet clover, but success has not yet been obtained.

Experiments have been carried on with clover, one in testing methods of fertilization. Under field conditions 54 per cent. of the flowers produced seed. When the plants were under control with bumble bees in the cage 45 per cent. of the plants produced seed. Where there were butterflies and moths in the cage of the plants, 2½ per cent. produced seed, and where all insects were kept away, 9 per cent. of the blossoms were fertile.

In trials with wheat the heaviest yield, 27.3 bushels, was secured with the Kirka. The experiment with tinter wheat on fallow ground and stubbling it in, resulted in a yield of 18 bushels on barley stubble, while on the bare fallow it went from 4½ to 23 bushels, depending upon the protection. Of oats,

the heaviest yield was 46 bushels of the Kherson. Of barley, the best yield, 35½ bushels, was secured with the Hannchen.

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Until his feet are given wings
To haste toward eternal things,
And reach, at last, upon the height,
The glory of unclouded Light.

—Priscilla Leonard.

JUST PASS THE SMILE ALONG

Though you are sore pressed with trouble,
And things are looking blue,
While your cares just seem to double
In spite of all you do;
Just try to keep a smiling face,
No matter what goes wrong—
You'll find the world's a pleasant place
If you pass the smile along.

Just pass the smile along, my friend,
And try to be courageous,
And you will find that in the end
That laughter is contagious.
Tho' Fortune pass with frowning face
Sing some cheerful little song,
The clouds you'll find are silver lined
If you pass the smile along.

Just try the optimistic plan
Tho' cares your pathway chequer;
Greet your friends with, "Hello, old man,
Now just keep up your sacker,"
And always keep a smiling face
As you mingle with the throng,
And ne'er repine the sun will shine
If you pass the smile along.

—J. D. Reid.

MARGARET'S SPECIAL MESSAGE

The splendid plea made by the Chicago Vice Commission for the protection of the young girls earning at the outside \$6.00 per week appeals to me and must, indeed, appeal to the heart of every loving woman. The report thoroughly endorses the stand that I have taken from the first opening of the Sunshine work:—To provide proper places of recreation for the young girls; to hold a monthly social and small dance with the mothers or the Sunshine mothers to act as chaperons; to provide a cheap lunch room where a meal can be bought within the limit of their means; to help the girl who has fallen to regain her self-respect; to help her with your faith, love and sympathy until she can stand alone. These are true milestones of the Sunshine work during the year just gone, and I thank God from my heart for the loyal hearts and ready hands of my Western readers that have enabled me to open the mid-day lunch room to help these girls whose salary is totally inadequate to keep body and soul together. No wonder they fall, no wonder they crave for the light and joy and laughter which is the just due of every girl. I feel and know that a higher power is guiding this work and that it is destined to prove a wonderful blessing to Winnipeg and Western Canada. The day of love and kindness is at hand. We are all struggling to reach that higher level of universal brotherhood of man which must and will bring a truer worship of God. I append

the most vital part of the statements made by the Chicago commission and the sooner we realize that instead of building hospital sanitariums etc., we must provide lunch rooms, boarding houses, etc., where meals can be obtained at such prices as they can afford to pay without feeling it a hardship; to provide good, sensible but pretty clothing at such a price that these poor children may look nice and smart and so compete with their more favored sisters; to do away with their "class distinction of fine clothes making a lady"; to remember that those sisters who have unfortunately fallen may still be more precious in God's sight than the women who feel called upon to say that they are past redemption; to help the girl with true faith, love and sympathy; to help her to regain her self-respect; to help her to earn sufficient to place her beyond temptation, not to hound her down to earn \$5.00 per month because of her past sin and to keep her scrubbing floors in order to redeem her, and give no recompense for her labor. This will never redeem but harden; but treat her as you would your sister and her love and gratitude more than repays you any kindness shown. When we have "home" for these girls then, and then only, will vice and misery as we know them today disappear.

"As to the economic side of the question—the life of an unprotected girl who tries to make a living in a great city is full of torturing temptations. First, she faces the problem of living on an inadequate wage—six dollars a week is the average in the mercantile establishments. If she were living at home where the mother and sister could help her with mending, sewing and washing, where her board would be small, perhaps only a dollar or two towards the burden carried by the other members of the family—where her lunch would come from the family larder—then her condition might be as good as if she earned eight dollars a week.

Temptations of a Young Girl

"The girl who has no home soon learns of 'city poverty,' all the more cruel to her because of the artificial contrasts. She quickly learns of the possibilities about her, of the joys of comfort, good food, entertainment, attractive clothes. Poverty becomes a menace and a snare. One who has not beheld the struggle or come in personal contact with the tempted soul of the unpaid girl can never realize what the poverty of the city means to her. One who has never seen her bravely fighting against such fearful odds will never understand. A day's sickness and a week out of work are tragedies in her life. They mean trips to the pawnbrokers, meagre dinners, a weakened will, often a plunge into the abyss from which she so often never escapes.

"Hundreds, if not thousands, of girls from country towns, and those born in the city but who have been thrown on their own resources, are compelled to live in cheap boarding or rooming houses on the average wage of \$6.00. How do they exist on this sum? It is impossible to figure it out on a mathematical basis. If the wage was \$8.00 a week and the girl paid \$2.50 for her room, \$1.00 for laundry and 60 cents for car fare, she would have less than 50 cents left at the end of the week.

"That is, provided she ate 10 cent breakfasts, 15 cent lunches and 25 cent dinners. But there is no doubt that many girls do live on even \$6.00 and do it honestly, but we can affirm that they do not have nourishing food, or comfortable shelter, or warm clothes, or any amusement, except perhaps free public dances, without outside help, either from charity in the shape of girls' clubs, or friends in the country home. How can she possibly exist, to say nothing of living?

Vice a Good Paymaster

"Is it any wonder that a tempted girl who receives only \$6.00 a week working with her hands, sells her body for \$25.00 a week when she learns there is a demand for it and men are willing to pay the price? On the one hand her employer demands honesty, faithfulness, and a 'clean and neat appearance,' and for all this he contributes from his profits an average of \$8.00 for every week. Her honesty alone is worth this inadequate wage, disregarding the consideration of her efficiency. In the sad life of prostitution, on the other hand, we find here the employer demanding the surrender of her virtue, pays her an average of \$25.00 a week.

"Which employer wins the half starved child to his side in this unequal battle? It would be unjust, however, to cast any reflection upon those girls who are brave and pure, by intimating that because they earn so small a wage they must necessarily be in the same class with those other girls who, unable to survive longer the heroic battle against poverty, and self-sacrifice, have succumbed and gone down.

Help For the Victims

"How can these unfortunate women be helped and saved to society? Some well meaning persons declare that they should be left to their fate; that they are criminals and should be treated as such. The commission does not feel that this is an answer to the problem. They are human beings still, stumbling for a time in the depths of sin and shame, but notwithstanding how low they have sunk in the social scale, they can be rescued, if by some method they can be made to feel the touch of divine sympathy and human love."

A WORD TO GIRLS

Girls in the country sometimes grow tired of the quiet routine of farm work and long for the excitement and attractions of city life. But life in the city is not the public holiday it seems to the girls on their occasional visits to town. Believe me when I tell you that working girls in the city have an infinitely more monotonous existence than the country girls ever dreamed of. You get up early and work hard, it is true, but the picnics you attend in summer and the sleigh rides and parties that enliven your winter give you social recreation and change, while there is always the keenest enjoyment for those who know how to read mother nature's book.

Think of spending every working day in a dingy office, writing and figuring constantly, with but half a day's vacation in three years, as one girl I know of has done. Think of spending all the hot summer days at a sewing machine in a factory with the ceaseless clatter of hundreds of other machines all about you! Think of walking two miles to work, standing behind a counter all day,

forced to smile and smile, though you feel as a villain ought to feel, and again walking home at night! All these things thousands of girls in big cities do.

One girl I know stands and irons ready-made shirtwaists all day, week in and week out. What is the variety of her life? How would you like to exchange your duties with her? Do you not think it would be a welcome relief to them to milk in the cool of the morning, churn, bake, and sweep before the hottest part of the day; peel the potatoes for dinner out under the shade of a tree, and after dinner is over to sit out in the cool shady yard, or rest in the hammock, or take a canter on a pony; or, in the fall, go to the woods in search of nuts, and at night lie down and breathe in the sweet-scented air of the country instead of amid sewer smells and effluvia of dirty alleys?

How would you like to pay out of your scant earnings for every specked apple or withered peach you ate? Why, if you live in the city, you would pay for fruit that you will not pick up from the ground now. How would you like the ever-present possibility of losing your job and having your income cut off for a time, with no money to pay the expenses that always accumulate so fast? Think of those things before you give up the quiet and peaceful life of the country with the certainty of a comfortable home, even if you do.

—American Weekly.

I think of all the puddles there'll be out in the rain,
And of my brand new rubber boots—just purpose for the rain.

And there I lie and listen to the fairies overhead—
Oh, don't you love to hear them when you're snuggled up in bed?

—Youths' Companion.

HOME THOUGHTS

Because of your strong faith I kept the track
Whose sharp-set stones my strength had well-nigh spent.

I could not meet your eyes if I turned back;
So on I went.

Because you would not yield belief in me,
The threatening crags that rose my way to bar,
I conquered inch by inch by crumpling inch—to see
The goal afar.

JUST A SMILE

You can drive the clouds away,
With a smile,

Just a smile;

Turn the darkness into day
With a smile,

Just a smile;

Oh, there's nothing when a man
Feels the weight of sorrow's yoke
In this whole wide world that can
All distress and grief revoke,
As a smile,
Just a smile.

MANITOBA

Bella Tsit, Manitou, Man.—Your dear little letter to hand. I am glad to welcome you as a member and glad to hear you like your button and wear it every day. I will send recruiting sheet and hope you can fill it.

Dear Mrs. H., Beresford, Man.—The baby girl will leave on Wednesday and I feel glad indeed to know that your heart is filled with love for her. She is a darling and so very sweet and good.

Miss Annie Kennedy, Madford, Man.—Your loving letter was indeed welcome and the \$5 enclosed will help the work. The Lunch Room is the chief work at present but there is always someone coming in who needs help. The clothing is needed, for several of my people are feeling the necessity of having a change from winter garments.

Miss A. Jones, Winnipeg.—Yes, your letter was received but you omitted to put Winnipeg in the address and I could not tell where to write to you. I will forward buttons and cards today.

Mary M. Bullock, Reston, Man.—Hearty welcome to our Guild. I will forward membership card and button and recruiting sheet. Please do your best to obtain new members.

CLOTHED FAMILIES

Dear Margaret.—We are very grateful to you for the help you have afforded to us in our work in the country during the past cold winter. Through the Sunshine Club we have clothed three families throughout and also supplied them with Sunday School papers, cards and pictures. In fact we have been able to keep a large class of children on Sunday and they are just delighted to get the papers. Hoping you will meet with every success, I remain, yours sincerely,

W. A. FAY.

Hearty welcome to Gretna Reddell, Pilot Mound, Man.; Annie Mitchell, Douglas, Man.; Katie McGregor, Man.

Please Send Full Address

Miss May Mason, Kellwood, Man.; Hazel Helem, Claret, Sask.; Evelyn Charles Little, Lucar, Man.; Edith Manning, Pilot Mound, Man.; Ena Lilian Smith, Wingard, Sask.; Beryl I. M. Williamson, Brownlee, Sask.

Mrs. C. J. Merry, Auburndale, Alta.—Will you kindly write again as I have mislaid letter and cannot answer until I hear again.

Salma Hankinson, Valley River, Man.—Hearty welcome, dear child. I shall be glad to send membership cards and buttons. You are quite a Canadian now. Write again.

Saskatchewan

Heed M., Silver Grove, Sask.—Dear child, many thanks for your promised help. I have mailed button for Max and feel sure you have received it e'er this. Y'er the Sunday papers (German, etc.), are useful, but we do not want any until the end of May. Mr. Jones will come in from the far northern settlement. He will be glad of everything you can send, pictures, post cards, papers, clothing, etc.

Mrs. P., Newdale, Sask.—Yes, your parcel and dollars was received safely and indeed proved useful. The Christmas rush was so great that we are

still answering the letters; in fact I am nearly 100 behind still. I am glad to say that a dear helper has returned from her holidays and my mail will soon be straightened out. The parcels are delivered by freight or express so that which ever suits you best will be all right. The work has indeed proved a blessing to many girls and every day I am receiving fresh testimony of the benefit of the lunch room.

Mrs. N. H. H., Helmerhurst, P. Station, Alta.—Your papers will be forwarded at the earliest possible moment, but the adoption is not generally completed for six months; however, I will try to have yours sent at once. Glad to hear the boy is doing well. Write again.

Mrs. G. S. Caye, Winnifred, Alta.—I am sending picture in a few days and will enclose particulars. We cannot always send the children mentioned as the letters from Alberta take quite a time and very frequently someone nearer home has completed the adoption. However, there are several little girls in need of good home, and I will forward particulars, etc.

FALSE FRIENDS

Is there a hurt, or pain, could cut more deep,
Which leaves a heart-sore, makes us weep,
Or dry the well-of-trust more quickly up
Than that pang drunk from false friends' bitter cup?
Gall-filled to overflowing!

Ah, no, the pains or hurts that come in life,
When sent to strengthen in the strife,
Hurt not so much, nor leave a wound as deep,
As that heart-sore whose stinging makes us weep—
For broken trust in friendship.

There are deep wounds which cut into our hearts,
Time's healing hand may ease impart,
But what removes the sting left by false friends?
T'will leave a deep scar till our life here ends,
The broken faith in friendship.
Mary Bell Bolish.

THE BRIGHT FACE

There is nothing that conduces more to the happiness of the home than to find a bright, sunny face looking into ours as we enter the door. The husband comes home weary and worried, with business cares; for bread-winners, the rank and file of them, find it a hard struggle in these times, when there are so many competitors. If the wife has a troubled look, or an unpleasant one on her face, it only makes his weight of care heavier. But if the light of love shines in her face, it lightens the load and brightens up the outlook. The bright, sunny face in the home is a power for good that cannot be over-estimated.

THE YEARS

When viewing o'er the years we've lived,
How short they seem!
But look ahead! Those numbered years
Seem long indeed.
But, friend, those years we see ahead
Will quickly come
And pass us by, then seem as short
As former ones.

So why not scatter sunshine 'round,
As pass the years?
Each day fill here, on Mother Ground,
With smiles and cheer.
Forgetting ills, our hurts, the wrongs
Of seeming friends,
By scattering smiles, kind words and sunshine
Till life here ends.
Mary Bell Bolish.

JOHN'S BIRTHDAY

Little John's birthday was a source of mysterious trouble to him. When the other children spoke gleefully of their birthdays, he would look very sorrowful and say mournfully:
"Oh, John's birthday fell down; John's birthday tumble over!"
Nobody could make out what terrible mishap it was that was disturbing his little soul. Until one day he murmured, sadly:
"John's birthday knocked over."
Then it was explained. John's birthday came in October!

A HAPPY THOUGHT

A helpful little Happy Thought went hastening on its way,
All in the early morning of a long and busy day.
"I've neither hands nor feet nor tongue," it mused,
"but I'll not sorrow,
For boys and girls are plentiful, and so I'll merely borrow."

Now little Nell went skipping by, to visit little Jane.
Presto! the little Happy Thought was beaming in her brain.
And so she turned and hurried back, and stayed
at home instead,
Reading, with merry, tripping tongue, to poor blind cousin Ned.

Off went the little Happy Thought, and saw some idle feet
Drumming their heels against the steps, upon a quiet street.
And soon those feet were carrying, upon an errand hot,
Their smiling owner, who had whined, and said he'd "rather not."

If "Satan finds some mischief still for idle hands to do,"
Why, then, a little Happy Thought can set them working, too.
And, judging from a-many things I notice every day,
That helpful little Happy Thought is still upon its way.
—St. Nicholas.

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Dower Law for Manitoba

A deputation representing the National Council of Women, the Women's Labor League, the W. C. T. U., and the University Women's club, waited on the law and amendments committee recently at the legislative buildings, in connection with an act proposed by Harvey Simpson, member for Virden, respecting the rights of married women in the estates of their deceased husbands.

The bill reads:

1. This act may be cited as "The Married Women's Relief Act."
2. The widow of a man who dies leaving a will by the terms of which his said widow would, in the opinion of the judge before whom the application is made, receive less than if he had died intestate may apply to the Court of the King's Bench or a judge thereof for relief.
3. The application may be made by notice of motion in the matter of the estate of the deceased.
4. The notice of motion shall be served upon the executors named in the will or upon any person to whom a grant of letters of administration with will annexed has been made, six clear days before the notice is returnable.
5. The court or judge may direct any other person to be served with notice of the application and the practice and procedure of the court upon application in chambers shall so far as the same are found to be applicable, apply to proceedings under this act, save as herein otherwise provided, but the referee in chambers shall have no jurisdiction under this act.
6. The application shall be supported by an affidavit of the applicant setting forth fully all the facts entitling her to relief under this act.
7. The court or judge may direct other evidence to be given in addition to the evidence adduced by the parties to the application in such manner as shall seem necessary or proper.
8. On such application the court or judge may make such allowance to the applicant out of the estate of her husband disposed of by will as may be just and equitable in the circumstances.
9. Any such allowance may be by way of an amount payable annually or otherwise, or a lump sum to be paid, or of certain property to be conveyed or assigned either absolutely or for life, or for a term of years, to the applicant or for her use and benefit as the court may see fit; and in the event of a conveyance of property being ordered the court or judge may give all necessary and proper directions for the execution of the conveyance or conveyances either by the executors or administrators or such other person as the court or judge may direct or may grant a vesting order.
10. Any answer or defence that would have been available to the husband of the applicant in any suit for alimony shall equally be available to his executors or administrators in any application made under this act.
11. Any order made by the court or judge upon the application may be enforced against the estate of the deceased husband in the same way and by the same means as any other judgment or order of the court against the estate of the deceased may be enforced, and the court or judge may make such order or direction or interim order or direction as shall seem necessary to secure to the applicant payment out of the estate of such sum or sums as she shall be found entitled to.
12. No application shall be entertained under this act after six months from the death of the husband.

In order to fully understand the matter an explanation of procedure is necessary.

The delegates from the W. C. T. U., the Women's University Club, the National Council of Women and Women's Labor League, waited upon Premier

Roblin in the legislative hall by his appointment on February 20. The delegates asked for a full dower law as in Ontario or Quebec. Premier Roblin: "If there were any attempt to introduce the full dower law here there would be 1,000 indignant men here in less than an hour to protest against it. This hall (meaning the legislative chamber) would not hold them—men who are our best citizens, lawyers, bankers, real estate men, clergymen."

"In Ontario the dower law has worked untold harm; it has broken up homes and scattered families. Perhaps a woman would not give her consent and the man has smashed the home up, broken the furniture, and happiness has been destroyed." "Oh, no, we cannot put through anything that will interfere with the prosperity of the province."

"We will bring in a bill for the protection of women's claim during this session. We will send you a copy



Agnes Deans Cameron

to study and you women can come again and discuss it with the law amendments' committee." Some weeks passed and no bill came. The delegates wrote twice for the bill, but Mr. B. did not redeem his pledge. Finally a notice of twenty-four hours was sent to the delegates, that they might come at a specified hour, but still no bill. The delegates went—the bill was handed to each and before anyone of them had time to read it the attorney-general called for their opinion on it. Mrs. Muir, who was most familiar with law terms, spoke first:

"I find the bill very defective. In the first place the proposed act does not apply to the most deserving cases because a destitute widow would be unable to meet the legal expenses necessary to obtain relief and justice."

Attorney-General Campbell: "Any lawyer will take up the case if there's anything in it."

Mrs. Muir: "And the property too. There are many lawyers in this city who will take up cases of this kind, and all that the woman gets is a statement of expense."

Mr. Simpson: "You don't think our dear Attorney-General would do that?"

Mrs. Muir: "The proposed act provides no detriments to aid the court in obtaining a verdict."

Attorney-General Campbell: "The bill is clear enough upon that. It struck me as being a nice little bill. Where did you get it, Mr. Simpson?"

Mr. Simpson: "They passed it in Alberta. I got a copy from them."

Mrs. Muir: "If the court or judge is expected to render justice consistently, then that justice must be based upon some principle, plan or scheme."

Mr. Simpson: "We must leave that to the judges. They are good fellows and can be trusted to do justice in a deserving case."

Mrs. Muir: "Judges are only human, and there is such a thing as sex prejudice. Why cannot a principle, plan or scheme be set forth in the wording of the proposed bill so that all judges may work consistently together, and the general public know what to expect?"

Attorney-General Campbell: "There is no need. It can be left to the judge."

Mrs. Muir: "A widow should not be expected to enquire into the general trend of the findings and peculiarities of some judge in order to know whether the law is likely to give her any help or redress. The law should be clear and just, while at the same time providing sufficient latitude to the discretion of the court or judge to adapt the law to secure equity in individual cases."

Attorney-General Campbell: "The bill is sufficient for that."

Mrs. Muir: "The bill should also be made to meet another case of hardship, viz., where a man dies intestate and leaves minor children. The widow cannot touch their property until the children are of age, and meanwhile she must get a living and educate the children as well as pay taxes upon the property."

Attorney-General Campbell: "You have been misinformed. The property can be sold immediately upon the death of the husband."

Mrs. Muir: "There are cases in this city where the mother has been informed by lawyers that she cannot touch the property until the youngest child is twenty-one years of age."

Attorney-General Campbell: "You have been absolutely misinformed."

Mrs. Muir: "Is there any real reason why a surrogate court cannot be established here such as they have in New York, where a woman may appeal direct without employing a lawyer?"

Attorney-General Campbell: "When we see the need, one will be established."

Dr. Mary Crawford: "How will you know the need? Must we get up a petition?"

Attorney-General Campbell: "No, that is not necessary. We have got to be very careful in passing a bill of this kind. To direct a man how to make a will is to take away his alienable rights of liberty. Suppose we say a man shall not make a will, how will that suit you?"

Mrs. Muir: "We are not asking for that. What we desire is that a law shall be framed making it impossible for a man to dispose of the whole of his property, leaving wife and children penniless."

Attorney-General Campbell: "We must be very careful how far we interfere with marital relationships. A husband is never far wrong and is better capable of judging than anyone else what he should leave his wife. If he leaves her penniless there is a good reason. It seems to me the ladies are well looked after. A great many women have property in their own name which they may dispose of as they see fit. Many men put their property in their wife's name."

A Committee Man: "That is to escape their creditors, isn't it?"

Attorney-General Campbell: "Generally, as creditors know to their cost. Often when a man has done this the wife goes off with another man for more money. A case came to my office where a man had invested all in his wife's name and she willed it right away from him and the child, to her mother."

Mrs. Muir: "I am here on behalf of the Woman's Labor League and represent the wage earning classes. Many thousands of wage earners get married on nothing at all. Husband and wife work together and accumulate a little property—sometimes a house, sometimes a farm, but the man has the sole right to dispose of that property and the wife cannot control one cent's worth. Cannot a law be framed to give the wife some right of ownership?"

Attorney-General Campbell: "No, we had better not touch the property while the man is alive. Wait until he is dead. Is it a dower law you are after?"

Mrs. Muir: "We have been told that that is impossible."

Attorney-General Campbell: "Not impossible. Impracticable. In my own experience in office, judging by the stories that the married men tell me, it is the women who are bad not the men. Ninety-

nine per cent. of the men will do what is right by the women. I would say more than ninety-nine per cent. of the men are good men."

Miss C. Lipsett: "Don't you think that your experience is accounted for by the fact that when a wife is deserted, she has no money to go to law?"

Attorney-General Campbell: "Should you be willing for a father to leave one child \$1 and another \$1,000?"

Mrs. Muir: "That brings up the question of prejudice and heredity. All minor children should be provided for equally."

Attorney-General Campbell: "Would you ladies be willing for a man to leave a will, stipulating that if a wife remarried, she forfeited all money?"

Mrs. Muir: "If there were minor children she would want the money for their upbringing and education."

Attorney-General Campbell: "Suppose the wife is extravagant, would you still give her one-third?"

Mrs. Muir: "What would you do with an extravagant man?"

Attorney-General Campbell: "This bill only provides for the wife, if the husband has not left her one-third. Would you be willing for it to be inter-active?"

Mrs. Muir: "We are here asking for equality, not special privileges."

Attorney-General Campbell: "Women have equal property rights here."

Mrs. Muir: "They have not. The man has the sole right to dispose of the property which is the result of their joint industry."

Attorney-General Campbell: "It may be that if this act passes, many men will refuse to make a will. They will say She will get one-third anyhow. Let her be satisfied with that."

Mrs. Muir: "And is the passing of an act designed to give a measure of justice to the wife of a scoundrel going to make all men mules?"

Chairman of the Committee: "Have you ladies anything further to bring forward? If not, I may say that this bill is not before us regularly yet, but we will give it every consideration. The general opinion, however, seems to be that the bill must be amended and make it inter-active before it will pass."

During the proceedings many questions entirely irrelevant were asked by members of the law amendment's committee such as "Do you want us to establish a divorce court?" "Do you want a bill to say what wages a man shall pay his wife?" etc., showing the law amendments committee to have been in a trifling furtive and contemptuous mood and not disposed to consider so important a measure with manly faith. The proposed bill was later killed in committee.

Note.—Will some of the men and women of the province discuss this new bill in Fireside?

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Miss Cameron's book is highly interesting and fully descriptive of the great country through which she travelled.

A WOMAN FOR MAYOR

Hunnewell, Kas., April 5.—There is among the thirsty here gloom today. The first woman mayor-elect in the United States, Mrs. Ella Wilson, has announced that during her term of office there will be no intoxicants sold in Hunnewell, and a woman chief of police will be put in office to enforce the laws.

Mrs. Wilson outlined her various reform policies in the following statement:—"I shall see that the city water

supply is improved. The source will be tested for purity and the supply increased.

"I shall also name a city physician to compel the proper ventilation of all buildings, stores, factories, places, all public buildings, stores, factories, places of amusement, etc., and to see that every possible precaution is taken to stamp out tuberculosis. I shall see that proper places of amusement are provided for the young people of the city, conducted on a moral basis, so that a taste for pure entertainment may be cultivated. I shall try to see that athletics for the young men are promoted, but only under the supervision of Christian officers.

"All sewerage systems, cesspools and the like will be brought up to date, and every street and alley in the city kept perfectly clean. There will be no intoxicants sold in the city or used by anyone, as the spirit as well as the letter of the law will be observed, and a license tax will be put on all poolrooms and made so high that few, if any, can afford to pay it.

"Mrs. Osborn, defeated for police judge, I will name as chief of police and I will make Mrs. Hilton city treasurer.

"I intend as mayor to show the people of the United States that a woman can be trusted to govern wisely and well, and to provide a clean, honest and law-keeping city administration."—Toronto Globe.

MR. DINAMITE'S ANSWER

Dear Isobel,—In answer to Dinamite re woman's suffrage, I will try to comply with his letter and convince him or "blow him up." Now, what are the stock arguments of the average male objector? That women should stay at home and mind the household, etc.? Very good! But supposing they do this can they not once every fourth year or so spend a little time in municipal and political matters? Will all household matters go to rack and ruin if they do?

Besides, at present, no male voter is forced to vote therefore, if women get the franchise they could vote or stay at home as they pleased. The assertion often made that women are of an inferior sex and "cannot understand politics" will not pass muster any more unchallenged. Take knowledge in science, medicine and mechanics. Why do men refuse them the positions their efforts entitle them to? Does not Madame Currie's example show that she is fully the equal of a man in discovering the wonders of science? What does Florence Nightingale's life work prove and show to men? Nearly every day one reads of wonderful women who have bravely gone out to fight the battle for existence, and won their way to the top!

Dynamite speaks of the right (or privilege) of the time. He should not be bashful, just say it out loud. He means the privilege of being an unpaid servant in the house. What of it?

Do you know, Dynamite, that sort of talk is rank nonsense. These so-called privileges—why be so concerned about them? Are you afraid that the women will go on strike one of these days and refuse to work under the old-fashioned regulations? Is that what you and others think? By the way, the strike plan would work wonders among the male members of society, would it not?

Bringing children into the world and making serviceable citizens of them, who does the largest or heaviest share? The man? No! it is the woman; but still she is denied one of the smallest courtesies, that of being thought the equal of the man. Having the power of the ballot, for this is the only peaceful weapon we have to control governments, and is of vital importance to everyone who wishes to exist on an equal basis with those in power—why refuse women the privilege? Answer why!

Now, I will just touch the question of intemperance. It is of very great importance! A learned judge of Great Britain has stated that he found at the

bottom of nearly every crime was drunkenness as the cause of the criminal act. That is, the drink evil was the prime mover of acts against the person and society. It has been charged that alcoholic liquor walks hand in hand with immorality, crime and disease. Go where you will and this is proven a fact! Surely this is a heavy indictment, and sufficient cause for us to strain every effort to banish this baneful evil from our country. Does Dynamite know of the thousands and thousands of dollars that are worse than wasted on this pernicious drink; the families that are ruined, the characters destroyed and bodies wrecked by this enemy of mankind? I am sure he has not considered this question sufficiently or he would not speak of it so scornfully. Let him study the matter carefully, without bias or prejudice, and I am sure he and others will change their opinions. These are some of the reasons why I champion woman's suffrage.

OLIVER KING.

DADDY'S HOME-COMING

(By Amy E. Campbell)

The time of day I love the best
Is 'round 'bout six o'clock,
And I skin through the old back gate
And half way down the block,
To meet my dad, whose coming home—
Coming home for tea,
Mother and I just hug him tight—
He's our "big man," you see.

He washes up so slick and clean,
And combs up in a trice.
Little Mother is poaching eggs,
The coffee smells so nice—
And Daddy says, "I'm glad I'm here!
How snug we're goin' to be!"
Mother and I just love him so—
He's our "big man," you see.

He tells us stuff to make us laugh,
And Mother's eyes'll shine
Like two big stars, and all the time
Seem saying, "He's all mine!"
And, oh, we love him awful well,
Our dad who's home for tea!
I don't think we could help it,
He's our "big man," you see.

KITCHEN HINTS

If pie crust, intended for lemon or custard pies, is first brushed with unbeaten white of an egg, the filling may be put into the raw crust and both cooked together.

If a little sweet milk is added to the water while old potatoes are being boiled it is said it will prevent them turning black.

Potato Dumplings.—Boil half dozen potatoes with jackets on, let stand over night, and next day peel and grate, adding one grated onion, one egg, two tablespoons of sweet milk, one teaspoonful of baking powder, salt and pepper to taste. Add enough flour to make stiff enough to handle, make into balls the size of a walnut. Have boiling water and boil ten minutes. Remove to platter when done and cover with bread crumbs fried in lard and butter to a light brown. Serve at once.

Prevent Milk from Scorching.—When heating milk for toast there will be no danger of its sticking to the bottom of the pan or scorching if an asbestos mat is put on the stove under the pan. This should also be used when cooking oatmeal or custard. These mats can be bought for a few cents apiece.

Home Made Baking Powder.—Mix by sifting several times a pound of cream of tartar, half a pound of baking soda and a pound of cornstarch. This makes two and a half pounds of purest baking powder at a little more than the cost of one pound of the best on the market.

HOUSEHOLD

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For white kid slippers which cannot be cleaned successfully after having been previously cleaned, buy a 10 cent tube of ivory black art paint. To one half cupful of gasoline add enough paint to make fluid consistency of cream. Apply evenly with small brush, allow to dry thoroughly, and then polish with any good shoe paste. This does not harden leather and will not wash or rub off. Any other light colored slippers may be treated the same way if necessary.

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To remove bloodstains, slightly dampen with cold water and cover with starch.

Honey.—Four pounds granulated sugar, one teaspoonful pulverized alum, one drop rose oil, two teaspoonfuls alcohol, one and a half pints water. Boil five minutes.

To Kill Mice.—Mix two pints of coarse corn-meal and one part plaster paris with a sprinkling of granulated sugar. Put this in small tins in their runs where it will keep dry.

Irritated Eyes.—The eyes should always be washed before going to bed to remove the dust which may have gathered on the lids during the day, and also on rising in the morning to remove any particle that may have gathered during the night. Ordinarily pure cold water is best for this purpose, as warm has a tendency to redden the eyes and make them watery.

When your eyes have become irritated through excessive use a cloth dipped in cold water and applied to them, and changed as often as it becomes warm, will generally relieve them. If the irritation continues the following lotion will prove efficacious: One grain of borax, one ounce of camphor water. Pour a little of the solution into the eyes several times a day.



8912.—A Simple Effective Frock.

Girl's One Piece Jumper Dress with Glimpe. With lace, net, embroidery or tucking for the glimpe, and dotted dimity for the jumper, this design will make a pretty dress. Other wash fabrics, silk or cloth are equally desirable. The Dress closed at the side, and the upper part is cut in fancy shape, displaying the glimpe underneath. The Pattern is cut in 4 sizes: 6, 8, 10 and 12 years. It requires for the dress, 3 yards of 36 inch material and for the glimpe, 1 7-8 yards of 27-inch material for the 10 year size.

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WOMAN'S WORK

A paper read by an Albertan at a recent farmers' meeting at Content:

There is constant improvement in the tools and methods used in accomplishing the work of today and each century, each decade, and I might almost say each year sees improvement in the ways and means of doing work. Think for a moment of the vast improvement of the binder over the sickle, of the freight train over the Red River cart, of the ocean greyhound over the canal boat. Today mankind is not content to use the methods of his ancestors.

Whether it is all for the best who shall say, but the fact remains that we want space eliminated, we want everything done on the most tremendous scale and in the shortest possible space of time. In view of this why should we expect the woman of today to toil and spin as did the grandmothers of a century ago?

Now, there are always the two extremes, as well as the happy medium in everything, and I would not have the woman of the farm with too much idle time on her hands. It has been said that "an idle mind is the devil's workshop." An idle boy is worse and I can't think of a quotation to fit. The woman who has three or four days in a week to ramble around soon becomes a public nuisance, and I suppose (I almost said should be) destroyed as such. On the other hand no woman can be the helpmeet that God intended if she is overworked. In proportion as the body is fatigued the mental faculties suffer, so that the woman whose muscular energies and nerve force are overtaxed becomes entirely unqualified to manage her work in the most economical manner.

We no doubt have all had the experience of wanting to get at a job tooth and nail. We have felt the nerve force tightening right down to our finger tips. We felt our working weight was a ton at least. How readily and perfectly the work was done. Contrast this with some time when after a hard day's work we were compelled to chase a refractory cow for an hour or two out of a truck patch. Did we use the best judgment? Hardly. Rather we did the very opposite and



8905.—A Comfortable Play Suit.

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HOW TO SECURE THE GUIDE PATTERNS

To secure any of the patterns published in The Guide, all that is necessary is to send 10 cents to the Pattern Department, Grain Growers' Guide, Winnipeg, and state the number of the pattern, giving bust measure for waist patterns, waist measure for skirt patterns, and the age when ordering patterns for Misses or Children. It will require from ten days to two weeks to secure these patterns as they are supplied direct from the makers. No new worker need be nervous or afraid to use The Guide Patterns. They are accurate and perfectly and plainly marked. Full directions for making are given with every pattern you buy; also the picture of the finished garment to use as a guide.



"Time works great changes"

But there are some changes you can prevent. If you want to make money and at the same time save money, you should look after the wooden things around the farm.

Paint should be your best friend. For instance, is the wood-work of your wagon warped and checked? You know what it means if it is—the life of the neglected wagon is not much more than 6 years, when it should be 18 to 20 years. You ask, "How can this be done?" By getting out your paint pail and painting your wagon twice a year. It will require about 2 gallons of paint and about 4 hours of your time. In 5 years' time you will save between \$30 and \$50 on your wagon. This is also true of your plows, rakes, and other wooden implements.

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consumed twice as much time as the job really demanded with a corresponding waste of energy. The thought I am trying to present just here is in fact the important point of the whole question. It is that work should be limited to suit the capacity of the individual.

Can a farmer afford to pull rusty nails out of oak timber? No. The time and energy wasted could be more profitably expended on something else. Neither can he afford to have his wife doing unprofitable work even though she saves him a penny by it. Of course the matter of economy is very important in a house-

wife, but there is also the happy medium in this as in everything else.

Now, if I have wandered from what you considered the question before me, I offer the plea that the important thing is after all that no farmer can afford to compel or even allow his wife or daughter to overwork herself, or waste her time or energy working with inferior tools, or doing work that is beyond her, as compared with other work she may be doing.

I do not expect to tell you what a woman should do on a farm, but I think every girl should be taught to be handy and clever. Girls enjoy doing outside work as a rule, and a moderate amount of it makes them robust and stands them in good stead later on. I have no use for the girl who never takes any more violent exercise than pounding the tar out of a thousand dollar piano. Music is all right, but the world cannot exist on it alone. Something more substantial is required after five hours spent in frolicking with a pitchfork. So let the farmer's wife have time to cook and put some thought into it.

C. J. NORTON.

Content, Alta.

United States Tariff Program

The program of the Democratic government now in control of the United States House of Representatives, indicates that there will be sweeping revision of the customs tariff. Besides the reciprocity agreement, the passage of which through the House is assured at an early date, it is planned to put a large number of manufactured articles on the free list. The bill which will adopt the reciprocity pact, as far as the U. S. is concerned, is along the same lines as the McCall bill passed last session, except that the new bill authorizes the president to continue negotiations with the Dominion in an effort to further increase the products, natural and manufactured, covered by the agreement.

The proposed additions to the free list are as follows: Plows, harrows, harvesters, reapers, agricultural drills and planters, mowers, horse rakes, cultivators, threshing machines, cotton gins, farm wagons, farm carts and all other agricultural implements, including repair parts.

Boots and Shoes Free

Bagging for cotton, gunny cloth and fabrics suitable for baling cotton; burlaps and bags for sacking agricultural products; hoop or band, iron or steel for baling cotton, wire for baling hay, straw and other agricultural products; grain, leather, buff, split, rough or sole leather, bend or belting leather, boots and shoes, harness, saddles and saddlery and leather for manufactured articles, barbed wire fence, wire rods, wire strands or wire ropes, wire woven or manufactured for wire fencing.

Beef, veal, mutton, lamb, pork and meats of all kinds, fresh, salted, pickled, dried, smoked, dressed or undressed, prepared or preserved in any manner; bacon, hams, shoulders, lard, lard compound and lard substitutes; sausage, buckwheat flour, corn meal, wheat and rye, flour, bran, middlings and other offals of grain, oatmeal and rolled oats, and all prepared cereal foods; biscuits, bread, wafers and similar articles not sweetened; timber, hewn, sided or squared, round timber, used for spars or in building, wharves, shingles, laths, fencing posts, sawed boards, planks, deals and other lumber, rough or dressed, except ebony, mahogany, rosewood and all other cabinet woods. Sewing machines and salt.

RECIPROCITY AGREEMENT

A Washington dispatch of April 14 says, regarding the reciprocity bill: The Canadian reciprocity bill was formally laid before the House just before adjournment today, and after a general debate which will probably continue for three days, it will be passed. That this action will be taken is no longer a matter for speculation. The Democratic House in its conduct of the resolution providing for the direct election of senators which passed yesterday, and the bill providing for the publication of campaign contributions which passed today, has indicated beyond all doubts its ability to put through its legislative program.

Chairman Underwood of the ways and means committee, called up the Canadian bill at 5 o'clock. While no time was fixed for general debate a motion was adopted dividing whatever time was consumed by Mr. Underwood, who reported the bill, and Representative Dalzell, of Pennsylvania, the Republican member of the ways and means committee, who will lead the opposition to the measure.

Mr. Underwood announced on the floor that he would yield five hours of his own time to Representative McCall, of Massachusetts, author of the reciprocity measure which passed the House last session. He also declared informally that the discussion of the measure should be concluded within three days.

Mr. Underwood will apportion the time he controls among Democratic friends of the Canadian agreement and Mr. McCall will apportion his five hours among the Republican friends of the measure.

Mr. Dalzell's portion will be used by opponents of the reciprocity agreement in both parties.

Recommended by Committee

In the report of the ways and means committee recommending the passage of the bill, Chairman Underwood said: "There has been no delay or suggestion of delay on the part of the president in connection with this legislation pending

the collection of statistical data by the tariff board. On the contrary, the president has urged immediate and favorable action by the congress, naming reasons full in accord with long established Democratic principles.

"This reciprocity agreement is in the interest of the great majority of the people of the country and is in accord with the well established Democratic principle of guarding the welfare of the masses." The committee recommends the passage of the bill."

Uncertainty exists as to what course will be pursued in the Senate with reference to the Canadian reciprocity bill when it reaches the Senate, possibly next week.

Will Seek Amendment

Senator Penrose, who will become the new chairman of the committee on finance, is friendly to the bill and will urge favorable action. The friends of the bill will also make a decided gain in the absence of Senator Hale from the committee.

The bill incorporating the Grain Growers' Grain Co. passed second reading in the House of Commons on Monday, April 10, without discussion.

He not only opposed the measure in committee, but obstructed it in the Senate. Senator Bailey, who moves up to the place of the senior minority member of the committee, is opposed to the bill, and will make an effort to have it amended. Senator Cummins, who probably will have one of the places to be assigned to the insurgents on the committee, also will seek to have the measure amended, but he will approach the subject from a friendly point of view. With the bill once before the Senate a fairly long contest is anticipated. It is generally believed that in the end it will pass, but it will not be without opposition.

Ready for Senate Soon

The free list bill to be called up after the passage of the reciprocity bill also is a caucus measure and cannot be amended by the party in charge of it. Under the new rule adopted by the sixty-second congress, no general tariff amendments can be offered by the minority because each amendment must be germane to some particular item in the bill. Considerable debate is expected on this bill, but the Democratic leaders expect that both caucus measures will be ready for the Senate within two weeks.

The articles designated by this bill for the free list would make a difference as compared with the present duties and revenue, of less than a million and a half dollars.

A Washington dispatch of April 16 says: So far in the extra session of congress it has been plain sailing for the well-organized Democratic majority in the House, but in the view of a strong and healthy minority, there are breakers ahead.

The Democratic leaders refer with pride to the achievement of passing the bill for the popular election of United States senators and the campaign publicity bill in two legislative days, and to bring before the House the Canadian reciprocity agreement with assurances of its ratification by an overwhelming majority by the middle of this week. To all features of the legislative program, however, there has been little opposition.

But in what is to follow—the free list bill approved by the Democratic caucus and favorably reported by the new committee on ways and means—the rapid pace of the smoothly-running Democratic machine is expected to receive a sudden check.

The reciprocity discussion begun Saturday, furnishes an opportunity for the minority leaders to flash a signal of their intentions and to make it clear that the bill placing on the free list manufactured articles in demand by the farmers of the country will be fought stubbornly. Chairman Underwood, of the ways and means committee, intends to submit to the House the committee's report on the free list bill on the concluding day of the reciprocity debate, so that it may be over and be called up the following day.

Will Assail Bill

The tariff debate, it is expected, will begin at once, and it is the hope of the

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Democrats that the bill can be put upon its passage within two weeks. The determination of the minority leaders to assail it from every angle doubtless will result in keeping the measure before the House for a much longer time.

The minority members, in considering the proposed free list, voted solidly against maintaining that it was a hastily-framed measure, ill-advised and not sufficiently backed up with information relating to the revenues concerned. Furthermore, it was pointed out, that the tariff board had not been consulted.

That Mr. Mann, the minority leader, will conduct a stirring fusillade or argument against the bill is beyond all question, and Mr. Payne, who was chairman of the old ways and means committee, will be allied with him in directing the attack.

This will be but the beginning of tariff excitement, as the Democrats already are preparing revised wool and cotton schedules to be presented as soon as possible, and later on in the session the agricultural schedule will be tackled and then will come again the controversy over the high cost of living. With all this in prospect, not to mention the proposed Arizona and New Mexico statehood bill and injunction legislation reappointment and appropriation bills, the present outlook is that the House will be kept busy until well into the summer.

Debate Opens

Opening arguments for and against the Canadian reciprocity bill were made in the House yesterday in two striking speeches. Claud Kitchin, of North Carolina, one of the leading Democratic speakers, addressed the House for three hours in favor of the measure, arraiging the Republican argument for protection for the farmer and characterizing it "As humbug." Following him, Asher C. Hinds, of Maine, for 16 years parliamentary clerk of the House, made his first speech as a new member of that body and aligned himself in opposition to the treaty in an address devoted to the support of protection for the farmers of the nation. The reciprocity treaty, he said, threatened national prosperity, in threatening to take away from the farming communities the protection to their products necessary to their continued prosperity and development.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT ILL

London, April 14.—The Duke of Connaught, brother of the late King Edward, is suffering from a bronchial affection similar to that which terminated in the death of King Edward. Much anxiety is felt for the duke, as his serious illness at this time would interfere with the plans for the coronation. The Duke of Connaught has been appointed governor-general of Canada and is slated to take up

his residence in the Dominion in September

COAST MARKET CONDITIONS

Vancouver, B.C., April 15.—The several cars of wheat, oats and barley which arrived here some days ago have been stored. It is thought by the owners that the prices are inclined to get better later in the season, and that it would pay to hold for a while rather than dispose of the grain at once. The arrival of the grain here has not disturbed the market. Fifteen carloads of potatoes are being brought from Ontario to supply the market here. It is not likely that the stringency in this line will be lessened until the new crop comes in. Farmers are holding hay in the hope of getting a higher price. It is \$18 now, which is considered a little above the average, but even at that figure some are loath to sell. It has had the effect of considerable hay being brought in from the other side. The duty is \$2 a ton, but even with this handicap the American farmer has been able to ship in and still make money. If reciprocity goes into effect, this holding of a commodity will have to stop, for, with easy access to this market, hay may come from the other side of the line if it is not moving freely here.

PAY OF CENSUS TAKERS

Ottawa, April 16.—The table of rates and allowances for census commissioners and enumerators has been made public, the rates varying according to the district in which the work is to be done. In census districts where one commissioner is appointed, a special allowance will be given to each commissioner in addition to one cent per name. In Alberta the rate will vary from \$250 in Calgary to \$600 in Victoria, a constituency; in Manitoba from \$75 in Winnipeg to \$400 in Dauphin; in Saskatchewan from \$250 in Saskatoon to \$600 in Battleford; and in British Columbia from \$125 in Victoria city to \$900 in Yale-Cariboo. In Provencher, Man., two commissioners will be named, who will receive a special allowance of \$187 each.

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Many farmers are aware of the above facts, but they do not have time to plow their land early, because they have their regular farm work to do, and by the time they get around to do their plowing it is late, and in many cases the land is not plowed until spring.

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The Cattle Situation

All indications seem to be that the supply of cattle in shape to be marketed this spring will be the smallest in some years. The reasons for the shortage are not hard to point out. The dry weather which prevailed in many of the greatest cattle districts of the west during last summer made severe inroads into the supply of feed, and, anticipating a shortage, a great many of the large raisers sold off practically all their stock, not only butcher and export animals, but she stock and young stuff as well. Everything that could possibly be marketed was sent to the block from the affected regions.

The result is a shortage that has been reflected in the high prices prevailing on every livestock market in the West and were it not for the large number of stockers and feeders that were shipped east last fall and are now returning west in the shape of dressed meat, the prices would be still higher. At this time last year there was a heavy run of fat cattle at the Winnipeg yards each day, but this year the supply up to this time has been so small as to be practically negligible. The situation may be summed up briefly in the statement that there is a full supply of thin and young stock, a large per cent. of which are not fit to be sent to market, but the finished cattle in the country are so few in number that, after local demands are satisfied, there are practically none to be shipped to market.

This shortage will be felt not only during the present season, but for at least two seasons more. While there should be a great improvement in the class and number of cattle marketed after the grass is up on the ranges, there will still be a shortage of prime animals during the summer and fall and the selling of she stock last fall will result in a curtailment of production for some time.

The Guide is enabled to give an intelligent summary of conditions through the courtesy of the live stock firm of Rice & Whaley, commission salesmen at the Winnipeg market. H. E. Crabbe, a member of this firm, has just returned from a trip upon which he covered more than 3,500 miles, visiting the various live stock districts of the Prairie Provinces. Mr. Crabbe gives as his opinion, gleaned from all possible sources, that the number of cattle marketed from the three provinces during the present year, when compared with last year will be:

Alberta	72 per cent.
Saskatchewan	80 per cent.
Manitoba	65 per cent.

Alberta men who are in a position to be well informed stated that the total number of cattle on the farms and ranches of the provinces would be about the same as previous years, but that a much larger per cent. of them were young animals that could not possibly be marketed this year as butcher or export heaves. The general opinion is that there will be very few, if any, export cattle to ship. Practically every bunch of cattle in the province that holds any promise of rounding off into prime heaves is already contracted for by Alberta and British Columbia firms at prices which, considering fat and quality, are the highest of the three provinces. The prices for some of the bunches run from \$5.50 to \$6.00, for others up to \$6.50 and for the very best up to \$7.00 per cwt. It seems assured that practically every head of good stock in the province furthest west will be consumed there or in British Columbia and that few from there will reach the Winnipeg market or be shipped to the Old Country.

Situation Through Alberta

In southern Alberta, especially, is the shortage of cattle noted. Last summer the pastures there were badly burned

and dried up by the hot weather. As a consequence there was little feed put up and besides the animals went into the cold weather in poor shape. The winter weather was severe and the snowfall heavy throughout the district. In fact, conditions were about as bad for the live stock business as it was possible to have them. There will be but few animals shipped from this district until the grass is far advanced.

North of Calgary the conditions last summer were not as bad as further south but were bad enough to reduce the quality of the feed put up. The cattle did not fatten well on the poor grade of hay fed, but they wintered fairly well and should be ready for market a short time after getting onto the grass.

In the Medicine Hat district there is no fat beef worth mentioning, only about enough for home consumption. Mr. Crabbe stated that he saw as poor stuff there as in any place he visited.

The Edmonton district fared better than the balance of the province and there they will market about as many fat cattle (winter fed) this spring as they did last. But practically all these will be marketed in Edmonton for consumption in Alberta. Taking the province as a whole it seems as if there will be little need to figure on Alberta this spring except as the province figures in the far western trade, that is, in Alberta and British Columbia. Later, however, there will be a phase of the situation that can hardly be sized up in advance, that may boost the number marketed. Settlement is forcing a great many ranchers to dispose of a great portion of their stock, and these sales will probably swell the year's total for Alberta.

Throughout Saskatchewan Mr. Crabbe found a uniform scarcity of cattle fat enough for spring delivery. In his opinion there will be only enough marketable cattle to satisfy the demands of local Saskatchewan points and few, if any, will come to Winnipeg.

Situation in Manitoba

Manitoba is also a way short on fed stock, there being only about twenty-five per cent. as much that will be ready for early marketing as there was last year. The total number of cattle suitable for marketing during the year has also been reduced to about sixty-five per cent. of the number sent to the block last year.

Besides Mr. Crabbe's investigations, the firm has obtained postcard interviews with a large number of live stock shippers from all parts of the three provinces. The following table gives both the percentage of all cattle and of fat cattle in the various representative districts as obtained by the postcards:

Manitoba		
District	Per cent. of cattle in district as compared with last year.	Per cent. of fat cattle to be marketed this spring as compared with last
Morris	50	20
Oak Point	10	10
Solsgirth	50	25
Glenboro	70	25
Oak Lake	75	50
Whitewater	50	10
Foxwarren	50	
Minnedosa	50	25
Russell	60	100
Emerson	50	40
Portage	50	Enough for home consumption only.
Swan Lake	25	25
Killarney	Hardly enough for home consumption.	
Rivers	20	20
Baldur	50	25

Austin	50	75
McCreary	25	100
Swan River	90	50
Morden	40	None
Gilbert Plains	75	50
St. Laurent	75	60

Saskatchewan

Tisdale	120	None
Maple Creek	60	50
Sheho	100	100
Grenfel	33 1-3	None
Oxbow	50	50
Invermay	80	None
Watson	100	Few
Birch Hills	75	75
Lanigan	66 2-3	50
Yorkton	80	100
Tantallon	90	50

Alberta

Erskine	100	85
Little Plume	50	None
Brooks Station	75	None
Medicine Hat	75	75
Macleod	100	100
Hughenden	75	90
Castor	75	80
Killana	75	Only 1 car
Strathcona	75	75
Bentley	50	10
Innisfail	50	50
Wetaskiwin	50	50
Rosenroll	25	25
Cardston	75	80
Lacombe	75	20
Red Willow	50	25
Alix	75	60
Calgary	70	50

The figures need little elaboration. The whole situation is that the West is remarkably short of fat cattle and there will be but few ready for market until the grass is in good condition. Therefore it would appear that prices are not a bit too high, although they are above last year's, which were considered pretty high. Unless dressed beef in very large quantities is shipped in from the east there should be no reduction in prices for some time to come.

Winnipeg Live Stock

Stockyard Returns

Week Ending April 15

	Cattle	Hogs	Sheep
C. P. R.	477	793	7
C. N. R.	130	238	
	607	1031	7

Disposition

Feeders east	25
Feeders west	35
Oxen west	18
Local	529

Cattle

During the past week the cattle trade was duller than for some time, but so few were the arrivals of real good animals that prices held up to former standards. Being the last week of Lent, during which many religious bodies abstain from meat, the demand for the dressed beef was smaller than usual, and so the abattoirs were not able to handle their usual quota. However, things should now pick up again. Shipments of dressed meat from the east are acting as a counter-balance on the market, and without these prices would certainly soar to the record point.

Cattle prices quoted are:
Best butcher steers \$5.75 to \$6.25
Fair to good butcher steers and heifers 4.75 " 5.25
Best fat cows 4.75 " 5.00
Medium cows and heifers 4.25 " 4.50
Common cows 3.25 " 3.50
Best bulls 4.00 " 4.50
Common bulls 3.00 " 3.25
Stockers 3.50 " 3.75
Choice veal calves 5.50 " 6.00
Heavy calves 4.50 " 5.00

Hogs

The same things that have held down the consumption of beef have made the demand for pork lower than usual and packers were not after hogs as strong as they have been. As a result, they were able to buy at a price a quarter below the previous week. Hog prices are weak, both in Chicago and the East.

Hog prices quoted are:
Choice hogs \$7.25
Heavy sows \$5.75 " 6.75
Stags 5.00 " 5.50

Sheep and Lambs

Only seven head arrived last week. Demand is small.

Prices quoted are:
Good handy weight sheep \$4.75 to \$5.25
Heavy sheep 4.50 " 4.75
Best lambs 5.50 " 6.00

Country Produce

Butter

The demand for fancy grade dairy butter is good and for No. 1 fair, but the lower grades meet with a very poor outlet and consequently prices for them are off. Round lots are down one to two cents, No. 2 off two to four cents, while No. 3 is not wanted at any price. Dealers quote the following prices, f.o.b., Winnipeg:
Fancy dairy 22c. to 23c.
No. 1 Dairy 16c. " 17c.
Good round lots without culls or mold 13c. " 14c.
No. 2 10c. " 12c.

Eggs

The egg market is getting down to warm weather levels and a half cent per dozen was shaved off prices during the past week. Dealers now offer 16½ cents per dozen, f.o.b., Winnipeg.

Potatoes

The demand for first class potatoes continues good and prices are at last week's level of 70 to 75 cents per bushel, Winnipeg.

Hay

Hay prices are the same as last week, dealers offering the following on track, Winnipeg:

Wild Hay

No. 1	\$12.00
No. 2	10.00
No. 3	8.00
No. 4	\$6.00 to 7.00
1 Rejected	5.00

Timothy

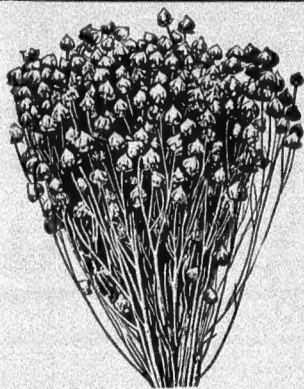
No. 1	\$15.00 to \$16.00
No. 2	13.00 " 14.00

EDMONTON MARKETS

(By Special Wire)

Hay	
Slough, per ton	\$13.00
Upland, per ton	\$13.00 to 15.00
Timothy, per ton	18.00 " 21.00
Oats	
Best feed	32c.
Butter	
Choice dairy	20c. to 25c.
Eggs	
Strictly fresh, per doz.	18c. to 20c.
Potatoes	
Per bushel	43c. to 45c.
Poultry	
Fowl	16c.
Chickens	18c.
Ducks	18c.
Geese	16c.
Turkeys	23c.
Live Stock	
Butcher cattle	\$5.25 to \$5.50
Bulls	2.50 " 3.25
Hogs	5.75 " 6.00
Lambs	5.50 " 6.00
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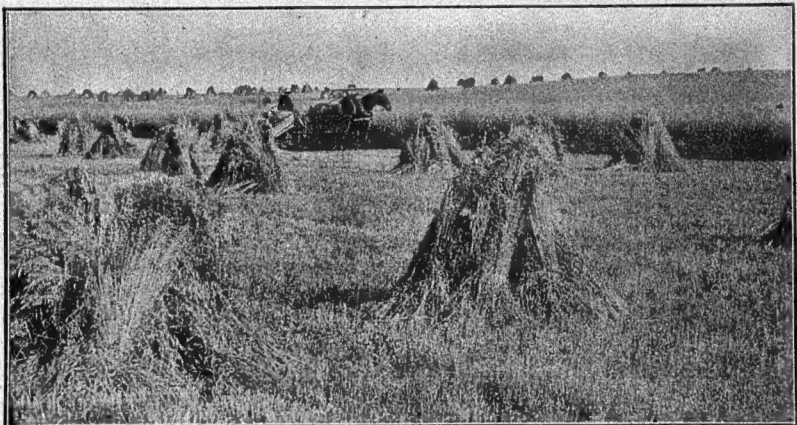
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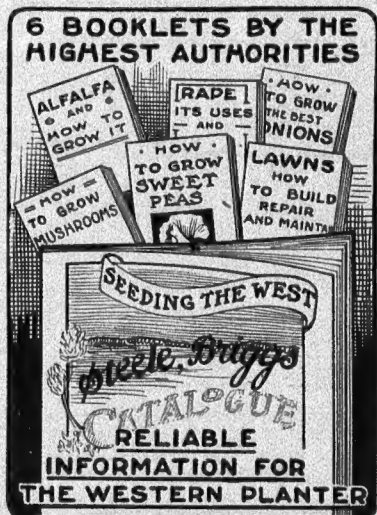
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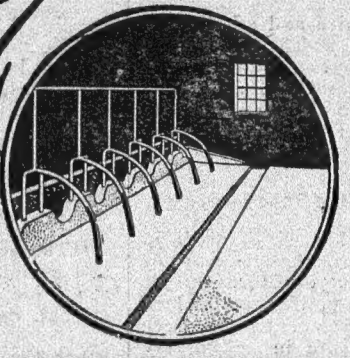
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